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Justice League of America #204

July 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
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STORY

"The Cut of the Cards!" (25 Pages)
Part Two: "The League vs. the Royal Flush Gang"

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Carl Gafford (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
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Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Firestorm

Villains

The New Royal Flush Gang (the Ace, King, Queen, Jack, and Ten of Spades; the Queen also appears disguised as Lois Lane in this story)
Hector Hammond

Other Characters

Derek Reston (first and only appearance to date; president of Megaform Industries; revealed as creator of the Ace of Spades robot in next issue)
Dr. Kester (a female physician; name revealed in next issue), David Lorenzo (a radiologist), and other personnel of UCLA Medical Center (first appearance of all)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Red Tornado, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.
The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The attacks by the Royal Flush Gang continue: Superman is defeated by the Queen of Spades at a circus; Green Arrow is attacked aboard the JLA satellite by the Ten, while Elongated Man and Black Canary trace a clue to their antagonists to Megaform Industries and its president, Derek Reston.

Justice League of America #205

August 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (penciler) and Mike DeCarlo (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Final Hand!" (25 Pages)
Part Three: "Justice League of America vs. the Royal Flush Gang"

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Carl Gafford (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Firestorm

Villains

Ace of Spades (revealed as a robot and destroyed in this story; appears next, rebuilt, in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9)
Queen of Spades (also appears disguised as Sue Dibny in this story; no further appearances to date)
King, Jack, and Ten of Spades (teamed with the above two characters as the New Royal Flush Gang; details of group's origin revealed; no further appearances of all to date)
Hector Hammond (revealed as Wildcard in this story; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #157)

Other Characters

Dr. Kester (name revealed in this story), David Lorenzo, and UCLA Medical Center personnel (no further appearances to date)

Cameo Appearance

Derek Reston (in flashback to previous issue; revealed as builder of the Ace of Spades robot in this story)

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Comments

Atom, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Red Tornado, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The Justice League members battle threats created by Major Disaster in *World's Finest Comics* #281 following this story. Then, the Justice League confers with Firestorm and learns his dual identities in *The Fury of Firestorm* #4.

Synopsis

Elongated Man and Black Canary capture the Ten aboard the satellite, but not before Green Arrow joins the ranks of comatose JLA members in the hospital. Batman and Flash join Elongated Man and Black Canary to attack the Royal Flush Gang's headquarters, only to be taken out of action, one by one.

In the end, the villains are betrayed by the Jack, who teams up with Black Canary to defeat the King and Queen and reveal Ace as a robot. The hospitalized League members are saved when the astral self of Hector Hammond, secretly the Royal Flush Gang's organizer, Wild Card, is unexpectedly attacked by the mental persona of Firestorm's alter ego, Prof. Martin Stein.

Justice League of America #206

September 1982

Cover Credits

Artists: **Dave Cockrum** (penciler) and **Romeo Tanghal** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Secret That Time Forgot!" (26 Pages)
Part One: "The Past is Prologue . . ."
Part Two: "Shadows of Demons!"
Part Three: "The Fall of Earth!"

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Carl Gafford** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Carmine Infantino**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Atom, Elongated Man, and **Zatanna**

Guest Star

Thomas Parker (last seen, as a young boy, in the "Space Museum" story in *Strange Adventures* #161; now an adult; no further appearances to date)

Villains

Abnegazar, Rath, and Ghast (last seen in issue #148; appear next in *Swamp Thing* #49)

Other Characters

Gardner Parker (Thomas Parker's son; first appearance; character named for Space Museum writer Gardner Fox; revealed as a descendant of an unrevealed Justice League member in this story; no further appearances to date)

Jerad Inswich (first and only appearance to date; a pawnbroker and student of the mystic arts; dies in this story)

An unnamed hiker (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Green Lantern (in flashbacks to issues #10, 11, and 35)

Green Arrow (in flashback; see second Comment below)

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Felix Faust, and the Timeless Ones (all in flashback to issues #10 and 11)

Comments

Zatanna is elected chairman of the Justice League in this story.

This story includes a flashback to events following the Untold Tale in issue #130 and preceding issue #80. In the flashback, Wonder Woman is mistakenly depicted in costume, although she was neither an active member nor a costumed heroine at that time. The female member present should have been Black Canary. Green Arrow is also mistakenly depicted in his original costume, and without his beard and mustache. Both errors are probably due to the inaccuracy of the 25th century historical records from which this sequence is recounted.

Aquaman, Black Canary, Green Lantern, and Hawkman make only cameo appearances in this story, as part of a Space Museum display.

Firestorm, Hawkwoman, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

In the 25th century, Thomas Parker recounts to his son one of the Justice League's adventures, in explanation of an exhibit in their honor in the Space Museum.

Unknown to the JLA, the demons Abnegazar, Rath, and Ghast had caused the mystic Jar, Bell, and Wheel used to imprison them to be left behind in the Souvenir Room of the original Secret Sanctuary when the Justice League moved to their satellite headquarters. Here, the artifacts were eventually discovered and used to free the demons from their crypts.

The evil trio attacked the satellite during a meeting, and were repulsed, then battled the heroes a second time at Stonehenge. In this rematch, Zatanna's magic proved the key to their defeat by reactivating the imprisonment spell using the Jar, Bell, and Wheel.

Justice League of America #207

October 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Crisis Times Three" (23 Pages)
Book One: "Crisis on Earth-Prime"

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Carl Gafford (assistant editor)
Co-plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Co-plotter: Roy Thomas
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Power Girl and Huntress (both last seen in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #293)

Starman (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #182)

Dr. Fate (last seen in the second story in *The Flash* #313)

Green Lantern of Earth-2 (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #291; teamed with the above four characters as the Justice Society of America)

Johnny Quick of Earth-2, Commander Steel, Firebrand II, Robotman of Earth-2, and Liberty Belle (all last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #13; teamed as the All-Star Squadron)

Villains

Per Degaton (last chronological appearance in *All-Star Squadron* #14; behind the scenes and as statues in this story) **and his followers** (first appearance)

Johnny Quick of Earth-3 and Owlman (last chronologi-

cal appearance for both in *All-Star Squadron* #14; both appear next in issue #209)

Power Ring, Superwoman of Earth-3, and Ultraman (last chronological appearance of all three in *All-Star Squadron* #14; teamed with the above two villains as the Crime Syndicate of America; all appear next in *All-Star Squadron* #15)

Cameo Appearances

Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, and Green Lantern (of Earth-1) and **Hawkman of Earth-2** (in flashback to issues #29 and 30)

Flash of Earth-2

Comments

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *Wonder Woman* #291.

The All-Star Squadron was last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #13. The final panel of this story occurs simultaneously with the final panel of *All-Star Squadron* #14.

Atom, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, Hawkwoman, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

The story is continued from *All-Star Squadron* #14 (which depicts some simultaneous events) and is continued in *All-Star Squadron* #15 and in the next issue.

In *All-Star Squadron* #14, Per Degaton regains his memory, steals Prof. Zee's time machine, discovers the existence of Earth-Prime, and rescues the Crime Syndicate from their imprisonment. After the Earth-3 villains help him steal atomic missiles from Earth-Prime Cuba of 1962, he hurls his erstwhile allies into another dimension. Meanwhile, in 1942 Earth-2, the All-Star Squadron members have been battling the menace called Nuclear, when they re-enter their headquarters to discover the presence of the Justice League.

Synopsis

As they are about to journey to Earth-1 to visit the Justice League, the members of the Justice Society suddenly find they have exchanged places with the imprisoned Crime Syndicate from Earth-3. The villainous Ultraman, Owlman, Johnny Quick, Power Ring, and Superwoman materialize in the JLA satellite and defeat Hawkman, Superman, Firestorm, Zatanna, and Aquaman, while the JSA, having escaped from the transition zone between Earths, unexpectedly find themselves on a nuclear-devastated Earth-Prime.

Recovering from their defeat, the JLA heroes investigate the disappearance of the JSA, but find the Justice Society headquarters long abandoned and Earth-2 ruled by a dictatorship under Per Degaton. Realzing that history has been altered, they travel back in time to 1942, where they encounter the heroes of the All-Star Squadron.

Justice League of America #208

November 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

FIRST STORY

"The Bomb-Blast Heard 'Round the World!" (23 Pages)
Book Three: "Crisis on Earth-Prime"

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Co-plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Co-plotter: **Roy Thomas**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Sal Trapani**
Letterer: **Philip Felix**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Commander Steel, Firebrand II, Johnny Quick of Earth-2, Liberty Belle, and Robotman of Earth-2 (all in between *All-Star Squadron* #14 and 15; teamed as the All-Star Squadron)

The Justice Society of America (Green Lantern of Earth-2, Dr. Fate, Starman, Huntress, and Power Girl)

Villains

Per Degaton and his followers

Other Characters

"The Mad One" (a former New Jersey subway maintenance engineer of Earth-Prime) **and other mutated inhabitants of Earth-Prime** (first and only appearance to date)

Harry Hopkins (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #11; appears next in issue #209), **Franklin D. Roosevelt** (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #12; appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #15), and his dog, **Fala** (all of Earth-2)

John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev, and **Fidel Castro** (all of Earth-Prime)

Cameo Appearances

Ronald Reagan of Earth-1

Winston Churchill, Charles De Gaulle, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Josef Stalin, Hirohito, and **Chiang Kai-Shek** (all of Earth-2)

The Crime Syndicate of America (Superwoman, Power Ring, Owlman, Ultraman, and **Johnny Quick of Earth-3**; in flashback)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Flash, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, Hawkwoman, Red Tornado, and Wonder Woman (of Earth-1) do not appear in this story.

The story continues in *All-Star Squadron* #15, then resumes in the next issue.

In *All-Star Squadron* #15, the three super-teams review the situation to date for the president. Then the JLA, JSA, and All-Star Squadron members team up to battle the Crime Syndicate villains. Superman, Robotman, and Dr. Fate defeat Ultraman in space, while Starman, Liberty Belle, and Aquaman stop Superwoman in the South Pacific, and Hawkman, Johnny Quick, and the Huntress best Power Ring in the Midwest.

Synopsis

On Earth-2 in 1942, the Justice League and the All-Star Squadron, together with President Roosevelt, hear Per Degaton threaten the world with atomic missiles stolen from the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Meanwhile, on Earth-Prime, Dr. Fate, Green Lantern, Starman, Power Girl, and the Huntress battle mutates and learn how Degaton's theft of the missiles had precipitated an atomic war by sowing more distrust between America and Russia.

Second Story

"Fate is the Killer" (14 Pages plus cover splash)

Credits

Editor: **Dave Manak**
Plotter, scripter: **Paul Kupperberg** (and **Paul Cleveland**; credited as "tallest")
Pencilers: **Curt Swan** and **Dave Hunt**
Inker: **Dave Hunt**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

He-Man (Prince Adam of Eternia), **Battle Cat** (Cringer, his pet), **Man-at-Arms,** and **Teela** (all last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #47; all appear next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

Zodac (first appearance; a dimensional explorer; appears next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

Guest Stars

Superman (in between *DC Comics Presents* #47 and 48)

Supporting Characters

The King of Eternia (first appearance; Prince Adam's father; appears next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

The Queen of Eternia (first appearance; Prince Adam's mother; her name, Marlena, revealed in *Masters of the Universe* #1, and her identity as a space-traveler from Earth revealed in *DC Comics Presents* #47; appears next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

The Goddess (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #47; appears next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

Villains

Skeletor and **Beast-Man** (both last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #47; both appear next in *Masters of the Universe* #1)

Mer-Man (first appearance; a servant of Skeletor; appears next in *Masters of the Universe* #2)

An Eternian sea-monster (first and only appearance to date)

Comments

This is a Masters of the Universe story—a special insert between pages 13 and 14 of the regular Justice League of America story, intended as a preview of the new mini-series comic title, *Masters of the Universe*.

The story continues in part from *DC Comics Presents* #47, which introduced the "Masters of the Universe" cast, and continues in part in *Masters of the Universe* #1.

This insert is included in most DC comics published this month.

Synopsis

In this preview of the adventures of the Masters of the Universe (the group name given to the inhabitants of the magic-dominated parallel world of Eternia, whose story continues in *Masters of the Universe* #1, and who were previously introduced in *DC Comics Presents* #47), a battle with a sea-monster again draws Superman into Eternia, where he teams up with He-Man and Battle Cat to foil the plans of the evil Skeletor.

Justice League of America #209

December 1982

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

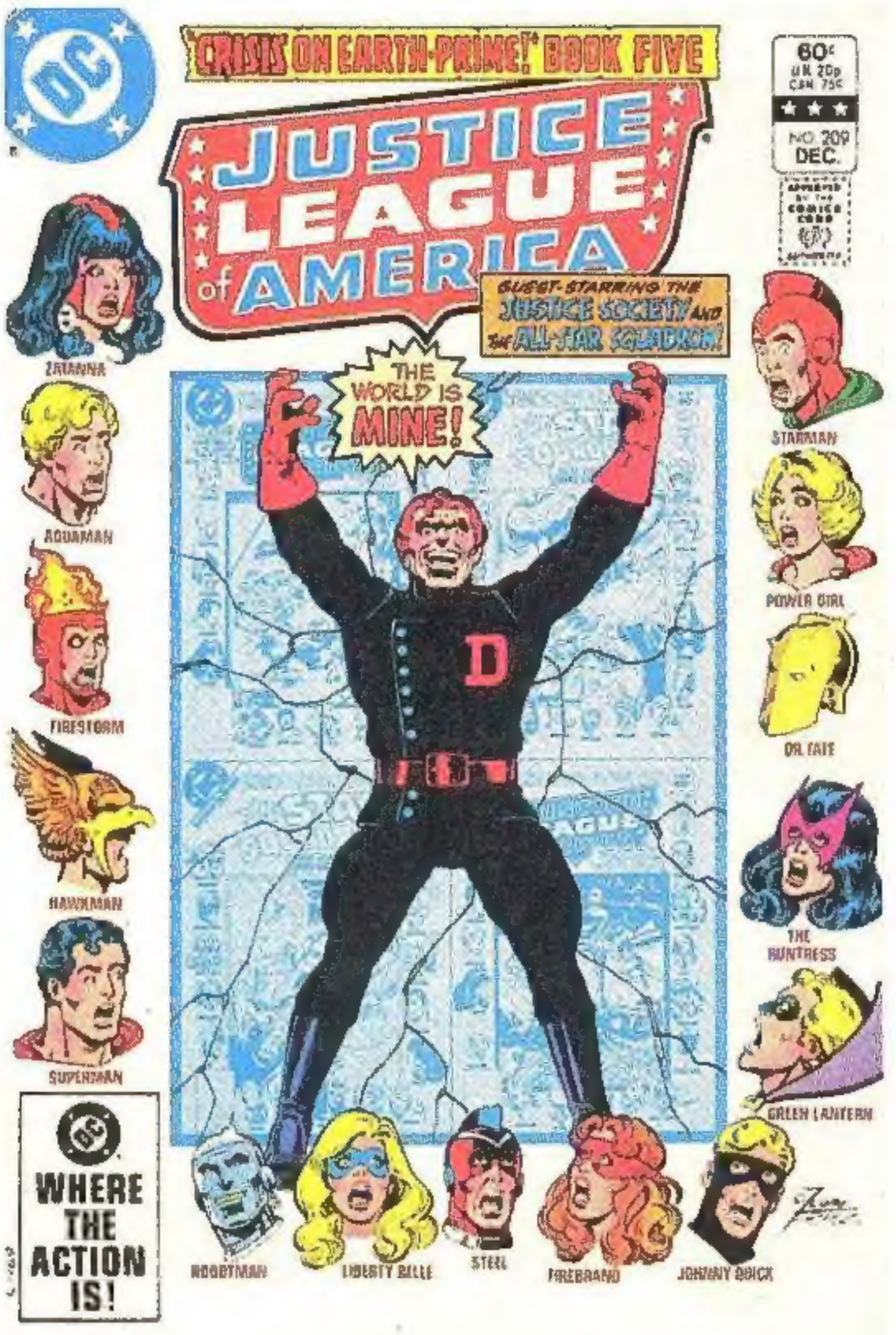
"Let Old Acquaintances Be Forgot. . ." (23 Pages)
Book Five: "Crisis on Earth-Prime"

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Co-plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Co-plotter: **Roy Thomas**
Penciler, inker: **Don Heck**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman,



Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Robotman of Earth-2, Liberty Belle, Johnny Quick of Earth-2, Commander Steel, and Firebrand II (all in between *All-Star Squadron* #15 and 16; teamed as the All-Star Squadron)

Huntress (appears next in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #296)

Power Girl (appears next in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #296)

Dr. Fate and Green Lantern of Earth-2 (both appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1)

Starman (teamed with the above four characters as the Justice Society of America; appears next in issue #219)

Villains

Per Degaton (next chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #37) **and his followers** (no further appearances to date)

Power Ring, Superwoman, and Johnny Quick of Earth-3 (all appear next in issue #232)

Ultraman and Owlman (teamed with the above three villains as the Crime Syndicate of America; both appear next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #1)

Guest Appearances

Prof. Zee (appears on pages 11 and 12 in between his appearances in *All-Star Comics* #10 and 35; appears on page 21 in between his appearances in *All-Star Squadron* #3 and *America vs. The Justice Society* #4)

Prof. Everson (last chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #10; next chronological appearance in *All-Star Comics* #21)

Other Characters

The burgomeister of Geneva, Switzerland (of Earth-2; first and only appearance to date)

Franklin D. Roosevelt (last seen in *All-Star Squadron* #15) **and Harry Hopkins** (both of Earth-2)

An unnamed Cuban soldier (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Mutated inhabitants of Earth-Prime

Comments

The Justice Society of America appears next in issue #219.

The All-Star Squadron appears next in *All-Star Squadron* #16.

Atom and Hawkman (of Earth-1) do not appear in this story.

Following this story, some Justice League members are trapped aboard the JLA satellite in *Superman* #387, while the other members take part in an untold adventure in deep space. Then the Justice League attends the almost-wedding of Wonder Woman and Steve Trevor in *Wonder Woman* #300, after which they investigate the mystery of the Zodiac coins in *World's Finest Comics* #286.

Synopsis

The Justice League, Justice Society, and All-Star Squadron members have teamed up to battle the Crime Syndicate villains.

Now Commander Steel, Power Girl, and Firestorm outmatch the criminal Johnny Quick in Switzerland, while Green Lantern, Firebrand, and Zatanna stop the theft of the atomic missiles from 1962. The remaining heroes invade Degaton's headquarters at the "future" site of the Pentagon and capture him, while the Huntress defeats Owlman.

With history set to rights, all of the heroes and villains vanish, returning to their separate whereabouts at the beginning of the adventure with no memory of the ensuing events, and the JLA/JSA joint meeting resumes as scheduled.

Justice League of America #210

January 1983

Cover Credits

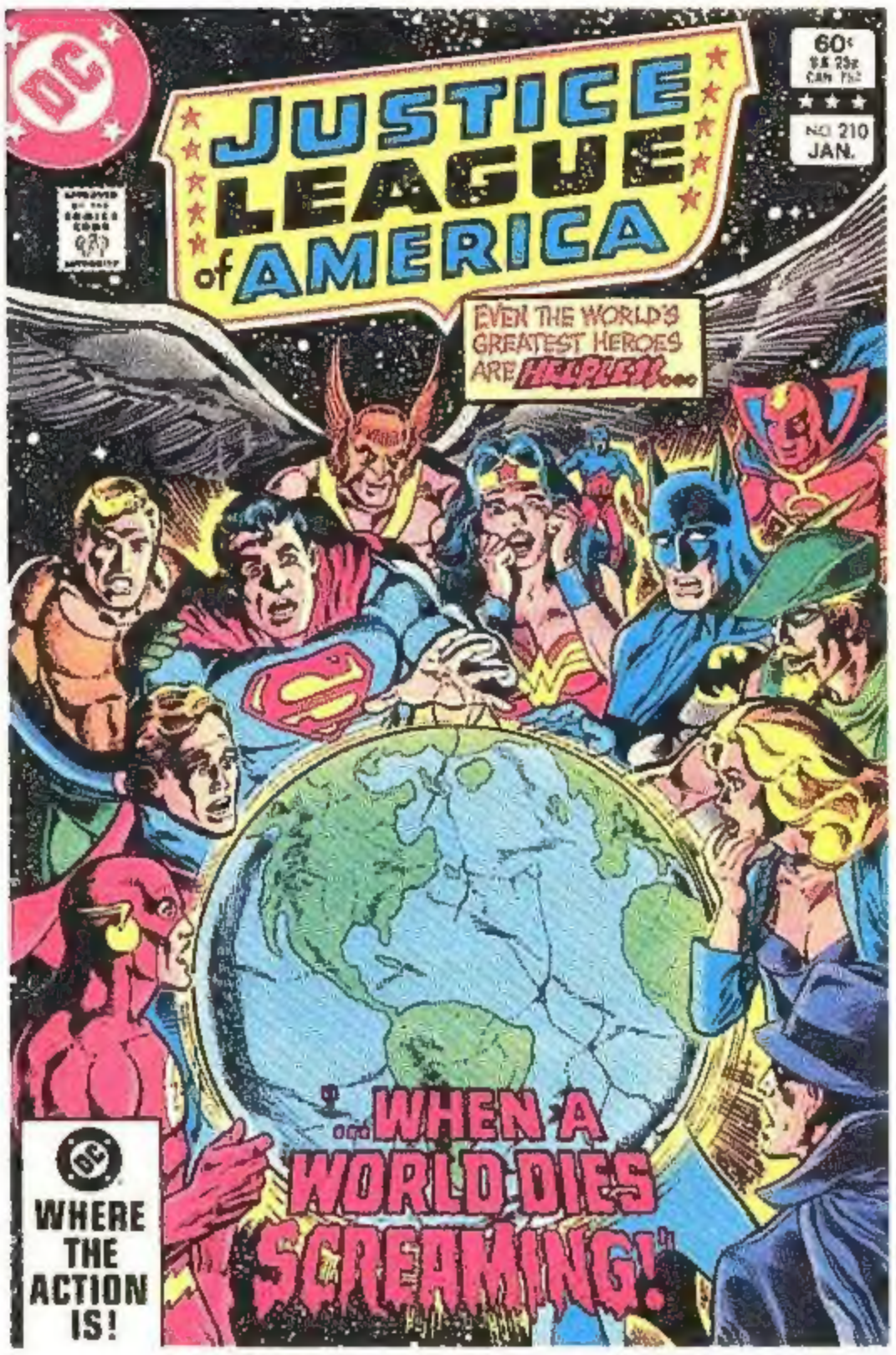
Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Mike DeCarlo** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"When a World Dies Screaming!" (24 Pages)
Part One: "The Day the Earth Went Bankrupt"
Part Two: "The Treason Trade"

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)



Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Tom Ziuko**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, and Hawkwoman

Villains

The Treasurers (first appearance; an alien race)

Other Characters

David Dorman (first appearance; a scientist and colleague of Ray Palmer)

Olivia St. James (first appearance; a singer and Dorman's fiancee)

The Supreme Commander of NATO

George Arthur Stuart (first appearance; a postal clerk, as revealed in next issue)

Two game wardens (Jason named in this story), **citizens of London, an unnamed Bengali woman** (dies in this story) **and her daughter** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Andy and Flo Capp

Cameo Appearance

Phantom Stranger

Comments

This is an Untold Tale from the JLA Casebook and takes place between issues #160 and 161. This story was originally scheduled for publication in a never-published DC tabloid in 1977.

Firestorm and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Physicists Ray Palmer and David Dorman discover an "X-Element," a vital catalyst for all basic chemical reactions, which is about to decay, thus disrupting all natural activity on Earth. As the Atom, Ray summons the Justice League, which splits up into sub-teams to stave off worldwide catastrophe. Just as all seems lost, aliens called the Treasurers appear, offering to reverse the decay of the X-Element in return for specimens of Earth flora and fauna, including, unknown to the JLA, one human: a seemingly ordinary postal clerk named George Arthur Stuart.

Justice League of America #211

February 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rich Buckler** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: none

STORY

"The Devil's Bargain" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Rich Buckler**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and **Red Tornado**

Villains

Karvus-Kun the Conqueror (first appearance; leader of the War-Kohn; not to be confused with the villain in *Sun Devils*)

The War-Kohn (a lizard-like alien race, including Karvus-Kun; first appearance; Swordwoman Jurl named in this story)

The Treasurers (no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearance

Phantom Stranger (last chronological appearance in issue #157)

Other Characters

Truthspeaker (first appearance; leader of an underground revolutionary movement on the Treasurers' homeworld)

David Dorman, Olivia St. James, the Commander of NATO, and George Arthur Stuart

Comments

This is a continuation of an Untold Tale from the JLA Casebook.

Superman is the chairman of the JLA meeting in this story.

Hawkman appears only briefly in this story.

Firestorm, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Justice League of America #212
March 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"War in Space!" (23 Pages)

Credits

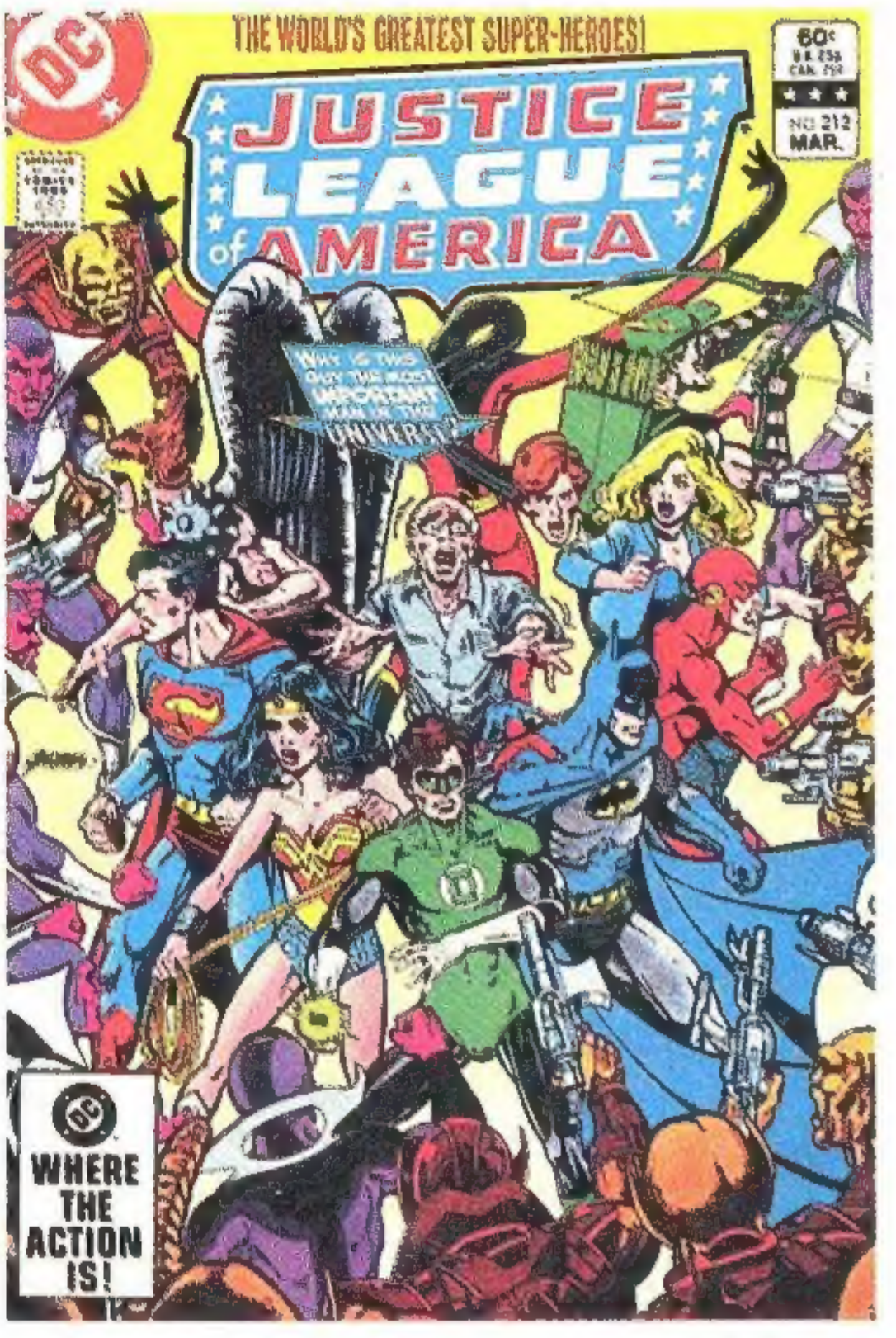
Editors: Len Wein and Nicola Cuti (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Rich Buckler
Inkers: Paris Cullins and Romeo Tanghal (pages 6–23 only)
Letterer: Adam Kubert
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Superman, Batman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Red Tornado

Guest Star

Phantom Stranger (next chronological appearance in *The Brave and the Bold* #145)



Synopsis

David Dorman travels across the world to be with his fiancee, singer Olivia St. James.

The Justice League begins to suspect the Treasurers' motives; and the aliens' cure for the X-Element crisis proves worse than the disease, as one third of all humans and animals are transformed into monsters. The Phantom Stranger appears to help out, even as Truthspeaker, a rebel Treasurer, reveals that his fellow aliens are actually the first wave of an invasion of Earth by the reptilian War-Kohn.

Villains

Karvus-Kun and the War-Kohn (including Swordwoman Jurl; no further appearances to date)

The Convincer (first and only appearance to date; a War-Kohn leader)

Other Characters

Truthspeaker, David Dorman, Olivia St. James, and George Arthur Stuart (no further appearances of all to date)

Aiens of many races (first and only appearance to date; prisoners of the War-Kohn)

Comments

The story's title appears only in the previous issue.

This is a continuation of an Untold Tale from the JLA Casebook.

Hawkman appears only briefly in this story.

Firestorm, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

With the help of the Phantom Stranger, the Justice League battles the invading War-Kohn on multiple fronts, and frees George Arthur Stuart from captivity. Defeating the aliens, after the previously wounded Elongated Man and Red Tornado provide information vital to their downfall, the JLA heroes learn that Stuart's unique genetic code contains the cure for the humans and animals transformed by the X-Element decay reversal process.

The cure is effected, David Dorman is reunited with his fiancee, and all is well...at least until the day when the X-Element will again begin to decay.

Justice League of America #213

April 1983

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Into the Microcosmos" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Don Heck**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Anthony Tollin**

Feature Characters

Batman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and **Red Tornado**

Hawkwoman (appears only as Shiera Hall in this story)

Villains

The Devil Guards (also known as the Demon Guards; first appearance; reptilian followers of Goltha, usurping ruler of the micro-world L'arra Sha, and members of the Authochthon race, as revealed in issue #216)

Guest Appearance

Jean Loring Palmer (last seen in the second story in *Action Comics* #532; appears next in issue #216)

Other Characters

Wanderer (first appearance; revealed as Krystal Kaa, rightful ruler of the micro-world L'arra Sha, in next issue)

The inhabitants of Ch'anar (capital city of L'arra Sha; first appearance)

Comments

L'arra Sha is also known as Si'lan N' Thi', as revealed in issue #215.

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Crushed when another physicist unwittingly duplicates a research paper he had planned to give at the International Physicial Year Symposium, Ray Palmer suffers a nervous breakdown and, when his wife Jean and Hawkman attempt to help him, he flies into a rage, becomes the Atom, and vanishes into an unexplored sub-atomic world.

Using a device of Ray's invention, the Justice League members follow him, but lose their memories in the process. They encounter a woman called Wanderer, and are attacked by reptilian humanoids she calls Devil Guards, creatures of Goltha, the micro-world's tyrannical ruler. The heroes journey with her to the city of Ch'anar, unaware that the Atom, now a comparative giant in size, is a captive there.

Justice League of America #214

May 1983

Cover Credits

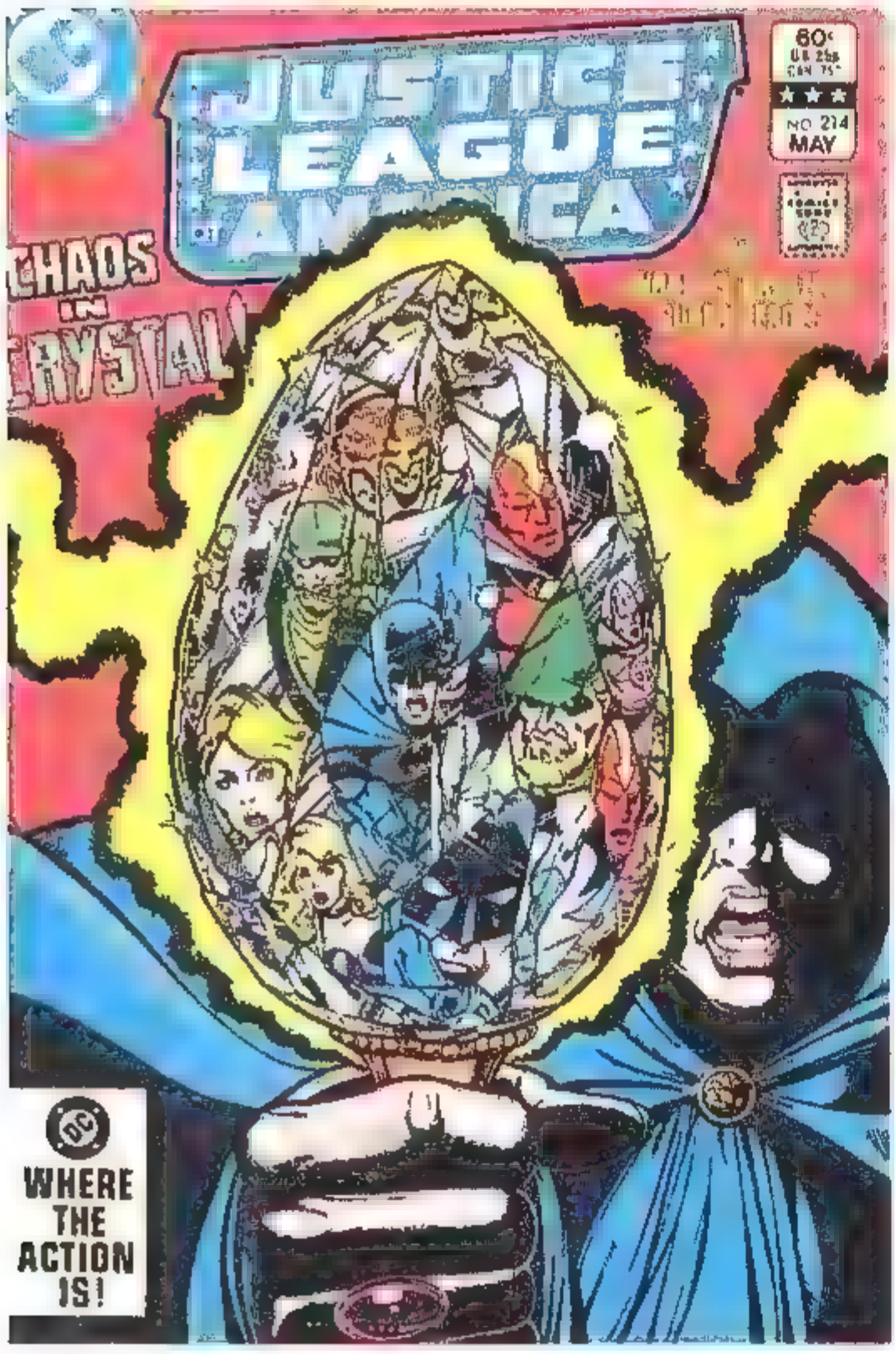
Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Siren Sisterhood"
[or] "Into the 'Microcosmos' Part Two"
(23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Nicola Cuti (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Anthony Tollin



Feature Characters

Batman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and Red Tornado

Villains

Goltha (first appearance; usurping ruler of L'arra Sha and Lord Kaa's cousin, as revealed in next issue)
Princess Kass'andre (first appearance; Goltha's daughter)
Gort (first appearance; Kass'andre's servant; dies in this story)
The Devil Guards (Gralx named in this story)

Other Characters

Wanderer (revealed as Krystal Kaa in this story)
The Siren Sisterhood (first appearance; Twigg, Sister Light, and Mother Moon named in this story)
Mule (first appearance; a mutant Authochthon and the Sisterhood's ally; name revealed in next issue and race revealed in issue #216)
The inhabitants of Ch'anar

Cameo Appearances

Aquaman, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna

Comments

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkwoman, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.
The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The Justice League members begin to recover from their amnesia, but are taken captive by the Devil Guards. They are rescued by Wanderer, who is revealed as Krystal Kaa, rightful ruler to the throne, and the Siren Sisterhood, an all-female underground resistance group, but not before Black Canary is seemingly killed by their captor, Princess Kass'andre. Mother Moon, a mystic healer and leader of the Sisterhood, revives Black Canary, and the two groups join forces against Goltha.

Justice League of America #215

June 1983

Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Bigger They Are . . ."
[or] "Into the Microcosmos" Part Three
(23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Nicola Cuti (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Anthony Tollin

Feature Characters

Batman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and Red Tornado

Villains

Goltha (origin revealed; revealed as Lord Kaa's cousin in this story) and Princess Kass'andre

Other Characters

Lord Kaa (former ruler of L'arra Sha and Krystal Kaa's grandfather) and his wife (first and only appearance to date; both die in flashback)

Ikara (origin revealed; infant son of Lord Kaa and Krystal Kaa's father) and his nurse (first and only appearance to date; appear only in flashback)

Krystal Kaa

The Siren Sisterhood (including Twigg, Sister Light, and Mother Moon) and Mule (name and identity revealed in this story)

The inhabitants of Ch'anar

Comments

This story reveals the origin of the micro-world L'arra Sha (also known as Si'lan N' Thi', as revealed in this story, and also spelled Si'lan Ni' Th'i in this story).

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkwoman, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Goltha unleashes a still-maddened and gigantic Atom against the city, while Krystal Kaa relates to the JLA heroes how Goltha had usurped her world's throne years earlier by controlling the Atom's mind and using him as a pawn and weapon. (The Atom had first appeared on L'arra Sha almost a century earlier than his JLA comrades, despite their having journeyed to the micro-world only hours apart.)

The Justice League and the Siren Sisterhood plan to steal into the city through the sewers and recover Krystal Kaa's power-staff, but are stopped when they encounter Kass'-andre, wielding the staff against them.

Justice League of America #216

July 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: **Ed Hannigan** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Choice"
[or] "Into the Microcosmos — Conclusion"
(23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Nicola Cuti (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Don Heck
Inker: Pablo Marcos
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Carl Gafford

Feature Characters

Batman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, and Red Tornado

Villains

Goltha and Princess Kass'andre (both die in this story)
The Devil Guards (called the Demon Guards in this story; no further appearances to date)

Guest Appearance

Jean Loring Palmer (last seen in issue #213; appears next in *Sword of the Atom* #1)

Other Characters

Krystal Kaa (becomes ruler of L'arra Sha in this story; no further appearances to date)
The Siren Sisterhood (including **Twigg, Sister Light, and Mother Moon**) and **Mule** (race revealed in this story; no further appearances of all to date)
The inhabitants of Ch'anar (misspelled Sh'anar in this story; no further appearances to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkwoman, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

With the aid of their monstrous ally, Mule, the Sisterhood and the Justice League put Kass'andre and her guards to rout, but the two groups part when they disagree over the fate of the Atom. Stealing into the city separately, they get their chances to act when Kass'andre turns against her father and assassinates him.

Krystal Kaa and Kass'andre battle to the villainess's death, while Mother Moon uses her healing power to free the Atom of both Goltha's mind-control and his own madness. The new ruler of L'arra Sha returns the Justice League heroes to Earth, where Ray and Jean Palmer are happily reunited.

Justice League of America #217
August 1983

Cover Credits

Artist: George Perez (Signed)
Letterer: none

STORY

"All the Elements of Disaster" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and Nicola Cuti (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Paul Kupperberg
Penciler: Chuck Patton
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Anthony Tollin

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Villains

Earth (Zelda, a Metropolis shopping-bag lady transformed into an earth elemental; first and only appearance to date)
Water (Marty Lasko, a movie producer/director transformed into a water elemental; character named for writer Martin Pasko; first and only appearance to date)
Air (Gary Johnson, a Midway City construction worker transformed into an air elemental; first and only appearance to date)
Garn Daanuth (last chronological appearance in the Power Girl story in *Secret Origins* (second series) #11; dies in this story)

Guest Appearance

Vulko (last seen in the second story in *Action Comics* #517; appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #10)

Other Characters

Michael and his girlfriend (first and only appearance to

date; Metropolis teenagers)

Marty Lasko's friends and associates (first and only appearance to date; Stella and Gabe named in this story)

Comments

It is mistakenly stated in this story that the Justice League uncovers the connection between the elemental creatures and the seaquakes by triangulation. Obviously, they make this destruction by some other method, since triangulating the three American cities where the creatures appear cannot possibly yield the location of Atlantis.

Following this story, the Justice League teams up with the New Teen Titans to battle Brainiac in *Action Comics* #546. Then Batman resigns from the Justice League in *Batman and the Outsiders* #1, immediately following which the Justice League battles Dr. Destiny in *Justice League of America Annual* #1.

Atom, Black Canary, Green Arrow (all mistakenly depicted on cover), Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, and Hawkwoman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

An energy-beam emanating from an undersea crevice causes seaquakes in Atlantis and transforms three surface humans into elemental beings of earth, water, and air. Summoned by Aquaman, the Justice League members split up to deal with the threat.

Hawkman and Red Tornado are defeated by Air in Midway City; Firestorm, Zatanna, and Elongated Man confront Earth in Metropolis to no avail; and Superman, Wonder Woman, and Aquaman are stymied by Water near Los Angeles. Discovering the link between the creatures and the seaquakes, the heroes travel together to Atlantis where they battle the sorcerer Daanuth, a survivor of the original Atlantis who seeks to mystically resurrect his ancient homeland. Superman and Firestorm use stellar energy to return the elementals to normal, causing Daanuth's powers to ebb, and he disappears into the collapsing ruins of Atlantis.

Justice League of America Annual #1 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: **Rick Hoberg** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: none

STORY

[no title] (41 Pages)
Chapter One: "If I Should Die Before I Wake. . ."
Chapter Two: "Dream a Deadly Dream for Me. . ."
Chapter Three: "The Fine Art of Dreaming. . ."
Chapter Four: ". . . What Dreams May Come. . ."
Chapter Five: "Into the Dream-Stream"
Chapter Six: "All You've Gotta Do is Dream. . ."
Epilogue: "When All the Dreaming's Done. . ."

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter: **Paul Levitz**
Scripter: **Len Wein**
Penciler: **Rick Hoberg**
Inker: **Dick Giordano**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

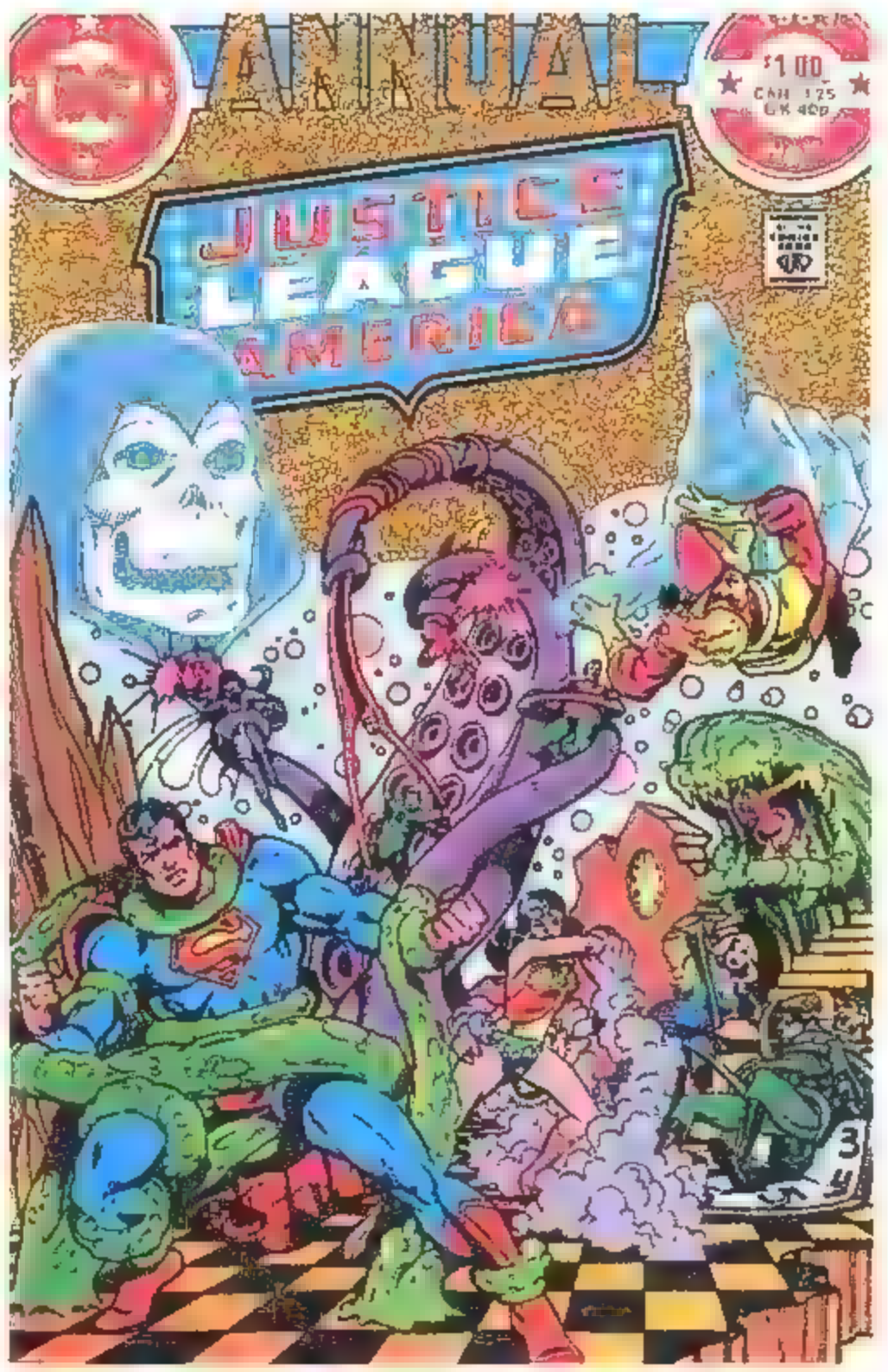
John Stewart/Green Lantern (last seen in *Green Lantern* (second series) #165; appears next in *Green Lantern* (second series) #181)

The Sandman (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #300; the Earth-1 Master of the Dream-Dimension; not to be confused with the Earth-2 Justice Society member; no further appearances to date)

Villains

Dr. Destiny (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #30; appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #10)

Monstrous creatures and duplicates of Dr. Destiny (first and only appearance of all to date; dream-creations of Dr. Destiny)



Guest Appearances

Sue Dibny (last seen, behind the scenes, in the third story

in *Superman Family* #211; appears next, behind the scenes, in *The Flash* #323)

Commissioner Gordon (last seen in *Batman* #362; appears next in the second story in *The Brave and the Bold* #200)

Brute and Glob (last seen in *Best of DC (Digest)* #22; Sandman's allies; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

Dr. Karr (head of the dream-research facility at Ivy University), **his staff, and his student-subjects** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Various apparitions from the dreams of Dr. Karr's students (brought to life by Dr. Destiny; first and only appearance to date)

Mrs. Klein (organizer of an art show) **and several artists** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Creatures of the Dream-Dimension (last seen in *Best of DC (Digest)* #22; no further appearances to date)

Cameo Appearances

Batman

The Megaliths (aliens in Elongated Man's nightmare)

Dr. Light, Amazo, and Tornado Tyrant (as dream-creations of Dr. Destiny)

Comments

Sandman is invited to join the Justice League, but declines.

This story takes place between issue #217 and 218, and simultaneously with some of the events of *Batman and the Outsiders* #1 and 2, during which Batman resigns from the Justice League. Batman's resignation and John Stewart's replacement of the absent Hal Jordan as Green Lantern in this story determine its chronological position.

Green Arrow's comment regarding Black Canary's origin (page 18, panel 5) is an editorial error, as this story precedes the events of *Justice League of America* #220, in which Black Canary's true origin is revealed.

Hal Jordan/Green Lantern does not appear in this story.

Hawkwoman is mistakenly called Hawkgirl in this story.

Synopsis

Commissioner Gordon contacts the Justice League with word that their arch-enemy, Dr. Destiny, has escaped from Arkham Asylum.

Attempting to trace his whereabouts, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Atom, and Firestorm are attacked by dream-images at a dream-research facility, while the same thing happens to Aquaman, Green Arrow, and Black Canary at an art show. Flash and Wonder Woman are joined by substitute Green Lantern John Stewart in their battle with dream-duplicates of their old enemies at Destiny's headquarters, but it is Zatanna, Red Tornado, and Elongated Man who locate the villain himself in the Dream-Dimension ruled by the Sandman.

Regrouping in that dimension, the Justice League is captured by Destiny, but not before Elongated Man manages to free the imprisoned Sandman, who in turn summons Superman to join the battle. While Dr. Destiny is occupied with Sandman and Superman, the other heroes escape, and Destiny finds himself surrounded and outmatched.

Justice League of America #218
September 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: Howard Bender (penciler) **and Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Price of Humanity" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: Len Wein and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: Cary Burkett
Penciler: Chuck Patton
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Anthony Tollin

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, and Red Tornado

Villains

Prof. Ivo (last seen in *Action Comics* #483; appears next in issue #258) **and his army of super-powered androids** (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Sam and Kathy Teel (a young couple), **David Bean** (a high-school student), **Susan Rory** and **Patti Hyatt** (two ballerinas), **Delbert Rose** (a stuntman), and **runners in the Metropolis Marathon** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Amazo
Batman (as a shadowy thought-image)

Comments

Atom, Firestorm, Flash, Zatanna (all mistakenly depicted on cover), Green Lantern, and Hawkwoman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Super-powered androids appear across America and kidnap various people in top physical condition, including Black Canary. The mastermind behind this is Professor Ivo, who has begun to take on a monstrously deformed appearance as a side-effect of the immortality serum he once drank (in *The Brave and the Bold* #30). His plan is to use a machine powered by the life-energies of people with a certain genetic makeup to restore his humanity.

While Superman, Elongated Man, Green Arrow, and Red Tornado try to prevent further abductions, Aquaman, Hawkman, and Wonder Woman attempt to invade Ivo's island base. The assembled heroes are being defeated by Ivo's creations, when Aquaman, disguised as one of the androids, destroys their power source, allowing the Justice League to triumph.

Justice League of America #219
October 1983

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Crisis in the Thunderbolt Dimension" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter: **Roy Thomas**
Scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman (appears only as Clark Kent), **Flash, Wonder Woman** (appears only as Diana Prince), **Green Lantern, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Zatanna,** and **Firestorm**

Guest Stars

Flash of Earth-2 (last seen in *Wonder Woman* #291)
Huntress (last seen in the second story in *Wonder Woman* #313)
Power Girl (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #56)
Starman (last seen in issue #209)
Hourman (last seen in issue #197; teamed with the above four characters as the Justice Society of America)
Johnny Thunder's Thunderbolt (last seen in issue #197)

Supporting Character

"Shortie" (first appearance; the Justice League's maintenance robot; appears next in issue #223)

Villains

Johnny Thunder of Earth-1 (last seen in issue #38; gets costume)
Fiddler (last seen in issue #185)
Chronos (last seen in the second story in *Action Comics* #516)
Dr. Alchemy II (last seen in *The Flash* #189)
Icicle (last seen in issue #185)
Wizard (last seen in issue #178; returns to his original costume)
Felix Faust (last seen in the first story in issue #182; teamed with the above five villains as the Crime Champions)
A gang of costumed terrorists (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Green Arrow (in flashback to issue #74)

Atom and **Hawkman** (in flashback to issue #75)
Larry Lance and **Black Canary I** (as corpses and in flashback to issues #73 and 74)
Aquarius, **Superman of Earth-2**, and **Dr. Mid-Nite** (all in flashback to issue #74)
Batman (in flashback to issue #75)

Comments

Green Lantern apparently returns from his space-exile to the vicinity of Earth (i.e. the JLA satellite), but not to Earth itself, for the JLA-JSA reunion in this story, as this story takes place before his return from exile in *Green Lantern* (second series) #172.

Aquaman and Hawkwoman do not appear in this story.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in issue #209.

The Crime Champions were last seen in issue #22. Dr. Alchemy II replaces the original Dr. Alchemy in their roster. His comment about his "former career as Mr. Element" in the next issue is a ruse to disguise his true identity.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Johnny Thunder's Thunderbolt invades the annual JLA/JSA reunion and attacks the assembled heroes, but, strangely, incapacitates only those born on Earth-1, while leaving Black Canary, Red Tornado, and the Justice Society members unhurt.

Before they can ponder this, the heroes are called into action against the resurgent Crime Champions, who are attacking various locales on Earth-1. Starman and Black Canary, meanwhile, trail the Thunderbolt to his home dimension, where they discover the true villain of the piece is the criminal Earth-1 counterpart of Johnny Thunder, who has assumed control of the T-Bolt, and who produces a plastiglass coffin containing the bodies of Larry Lance and Black Canary herself.

Justice League of America #220

November 1983

Cover Credits

Artist: **George Perez** (Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"The Doppelganger Gambit" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Roy Thomas** (from a story idea by Marv Wolfman)
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inkers: **Romeo Tanghal** and **Pablo Marcos** (pages 11–22 only)
Letterer: **David Cody Weiss**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, **Flash**, **Green Lantern**, **Elongated Man**, **Red Tornado**, **Zatanna**, and **Firestorm**

Black Canary II (revealed as Dinah Lance, daughter of Larry Lance and Black Canary I; mistakenly referred to as Dinah Drake once in this story)

Guest Stars

Johnny Thunder of Earth-2 (last seen in issue #197; appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1) and **his Thunderbolt** (appears next in issue #232)

Flash of Earth-2 (next chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #33)

Power Girl, **Hourman**, **Huntress**, and **Starman** (all appear next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1)

Spectre (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #199; teamed with the above heroes as the Justice Society of America; appears next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #2)

Sargon the Sorcerer (last seen in the third story in *DC Comics Presents* #26; revealed to have migrated from Earth-2 to Earth-1 in 1950 in this story; appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #5)

Villains

Johnny Thunder of Earth-1 (no further appearances to date)
Chronos (appears next in *World's Finest Comics* #319)
Fiddler and **Icicle** (both appear next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9)
Dr. Alchemy II (appears next, as Al Desmond, in *Blue Beetle* #2)
Wizard (appears next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1)
Felix Faust (teamed with the above five villains as the Crime Champions; appears next in *Blue Devil Annual* #1)

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Guest Appearance

Jim Corrigan of Earth-1 (last seen in *The Brave and the Bold* #199; no further appearances to date)

Cameo Appearances

Larry Lance and **Black Canary I** (as corpses and in flashback)

Hawkman of Earth-2, Atom of Earth-2, Green Lantern of Earth-2, Wonder Woman of Earth-2, and **Dr. Mid-Nite** (all in flashback to *All-Star Comics* #41)

Comments

Elongated Man's last name is misspelled "Dibney" once in this story.

The Justice Society of America appears next in *Infinity, Inc.* #1.

Aquaman, Atom, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The Justice League votes on Flash's continued membership in *The Flash* #327–329 following this story.

Synopsis

Sargon the Sorcerer joins forces with the Justice Society in their battle against the Crime Champions. Flash and Hourman take on Chronos and the Fiddler; Red Tornado and the Huntress fight Dr. Alchemy and the Icicle; and Power Girl and Sargon tackle Felix Faust and the Wizard.

Meanwhile, the Thunderbolt recounts for Starman and Black Canary the secret of her true origin. Johnny Thunder and Black Canary had been crime-fighting teammates (as shown in *Flash Comics* #86–91) at the start of her career, until Johnny decided to forego the use of his T-Bolt (for reasons partially explained in *Superman Family* #204) and Black Canary eventually took his place in the JSA. Larry Lance became Dinah Drake's boyfriend, and after the Justice Society disbanded in the 1950s, the two were married and had a daughter, also named Dinah.

When the child was still an infant, however, the Wizard, seeking revenge on Black Canary, cast a spell giving the baby uncontrollable sonic powers, and the tearful parents allowed the T-Bolt to take the child to his home dimension, where her power would do no harm. The Thunderbolt then caused everyone to forget what had happened.

His story is interrupted at this point, as the Earth-2 Johnny Thunder frees himself and overcomes his counterpart, thus allowing the T-Bolt to revive the JLA heroes, who join the fight against the Crime Champions, with the result that the villains are soundly beaten.

Superman and the Spectre then appear in the Thunderbolt Dimension to complete the tale of Black Canary's beginnings, as it is revealed that the original Canary had died shortly after her husband (in issue #74), and that the Black Canary who joined the Justice League was actually the child Dinah Lance, now grown to adulthood, able to control her sonic powers, and imbued by the T-Bolt with her mother's memories.

Justice League of America #221

December 1983

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Beasts" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Len Wein** and **Nicola Cuti** (assistant editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Pablo Marcos**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Elongated Man, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Villains

Rex Maximus (Rex Rogan; first appearance; Chairman of the Board of Repli-Tech Industries, transformed into a lion-man, as revealed in next issue)

Reena (Irena; first appearance; Rogan's executive assistant and mistress, transformed into a cat-woman, as revealed in next issue)

Gargantus (first appearance; a whale-man) and **Horn** (first appearance; a rhino-man; name revealed in issue #223; members of the Repli-Tech Industries Board of Directors, as revealed in next issue)

Scorpion-men and **unseen others** (first appearance; all of the above collectively known as the Ani-Men, as revealed

in issue #223)

Dr. Lovecraft (first appearance; creator of the Ani-Men)

An army of costumed criminals (first appearance; revealed as Repli-Tech Industries company guards in next issue)

Hoy (first and only appearance to date; proprietor of a Chinese laundry and a fence employed by Rex Maximus)

An unnamed thief (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

Spectators at Maximus's arena (first appearance) and **human gladiators** (first appearance; some die in this story)

Dave (an archaeology professor and friend of Carter Hall) and **his class** (Suzie, Ted, and Rick named in this story; two die in this story, as revealed in next issue), and **other members of Carter Hall's archaeological expedition** (first appearance of all)

Comments

Atom, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

On various cases, the Justice League members encounter strange animal-men, who defeat Superman and Wonder Woman, and gravely injure Flash and Elongated Man. At the same time, an archaeological expedition under Carter Hall is attacked by scorpion-men, who defeat Hawkman.

Firestorm's opponent, Reena, a cat-woman, surrenders and accompanies him to the JLA satellite, promising to reveal the Ani-Men's origin.

Justice League of America #222
January 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Death Games" [or] "Beasts II" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Len Wein**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Romeo Tanghal**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Villains

Rex Maximus (also called Maximus Rex in this story), **Reena, Dr. Lovecraft, the Ani-Men** (also called Beast-Men in this story; including Gargantus, Horn, the scorpion-men, and others; origin revealed), and **the army of costumed criminals**

Three members of the Repli-Tech Industries Board of Directors (other than Rex Maximus, Reena, Gargantus, and Horn; first appearance of all three; one transformed into a snake-man; all members transformed into Ani-Men in flashback)

Other Characters

Rowl (first appearance; a Repli-Tech Industries company guard, transformed into a wolf-man; dies in this story)

Dr. Hamid (first and only appearance to date; a physician at Cairo Hospital)

The spectators at Maximus's arena and **the human gladiators**

The surviving members of Carter Hall's archaeological expedition (no further appearances to date)

Comments

Hawkwoman is mistakenly called Hawkgirl in this story.

Elongated Man, Flash (both mistakenly depicted on cover), Atom, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Reena reveals to the Justice League that the Ani-Men are actually the Board of Directors of Repli-Tech Industries, a genetics concern faced with financial ruin, who have

allowed their chief scientist, Dr. Lovecraft, to transform them at the order of their chairman, Rex Rogan. In addition to their criminal pursuits, they have staged bizarre gladiatorial games, pitting humans against animal-men, for the amusement of the idle rich. Finally sickened by the increasing madness of Rogan, now called Rex Maximus, Reena has escaped his influence and now seeks the aid of the JLA in stopping him.

Receiving word of Hawkman's hospitalization in Cairo, Hawkwoman and Wonder Woman join him there, only to be taken captive by the Ani-Men.

Justice League of America #223
February 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: Chuck Patton (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
Letterer: none

STORY

"Blood Sport" [or] "Beasts Part Three" (24 Pages)

Credits

Editor: Len Wein
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Chuck Patton
Inker: Romeo Tanghal
Letterer: Philip Felix
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Hawkman, Elongated Man, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Supporting Character

Shortie (last seen in issue #219; spelled Shorty in this story; no further appearances to date)

Villains

Rex Maximus (called Maximus Rex in this story), Reena, and the Ani-Men (including Gargantus, Horn—name revealed in this story, the snake-man, the scorpion-men, and others; all transformed into animals in this story)

Dr. Lovecraft (no further appearances to date)

The army of costumed criminals (Leroy, Mac, and Cassidy named in this story; Number 47 dies in this story; no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

The spectators at Maximus's arena and the human gladiators (two die in this story; no further appearances to date)

Comments

Hawkwoman is mistakenly called Hawkgirl in this story.

Atom, Black Canary, Green Arrow, Green Lantern, and Red Tornado do not appear in this story.

The Justice League teams up with the Outsiders to help Superman and Batman battle the Pantheon in *World's Finest Comics* #300, and also appear with Superman and Batman in *World's Finest Comics* #302, following this story.

Synopsis

Zatanna infiltrates the Ani-Men's arena disguised as Reena, while Firestorm, a recovered Elongated Man, and the real Reena capture Dr. Lovecraft. The JLA's attack on Maximus's island fortress goes awry, when Superman and Firestorm are beaten, but Aquaman manages to break in through a drainage duct and rescue the already-captured members, who rally to defeat the Ani-Men. Finally, the beast-men's transformations result in their becoming wholly bestial and no longer human.

Justice League of America #224
March 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: Chuck Patton (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"The Supremacy Factor" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: Len Wein
Plotter, scripter: Kurt Busiek (with Richard Howell credited in letter column as co-creator of Paragon)
Penciler: Chuck Patton

Inker: **Dick Giordano**
Letterers: **John Costanza** and **Todd Klein** (pages 11 – 23 only)
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern, Green Arrow, Black Canary, Red Tornado, and **Firestorm**

Villains

Paragon (Dr. Joel Cochin; first and only appearance to date)
A gang of muggers (first and only appearance to date)

Other Characters

A waitress and **patrons at Nemo's Revenge** (a seafood restaurant in Star City; first and only appearance to date)

Comments

Aquaman, Atom, Elongated Man, Flash, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

Black Canary encounters Paragon, a costumed man who is her superior at martial arts and seemingly immune to her sonic cry. When the nearby Superman, Green Lantern, and Green Arrow come to her aid, Paragon incredibly possesses the power to defy Superman, as well, and flees before the others can stop him.

Calling a JLA meeting, the heroes deduce Paragon's true identity, but when Firestorm, Green Arrow, and Black Canary attack him at his laboratory, they are easily beaten by their own powers. Possessing the physical and mental abilities of anyone within a certain range, but to an amplified degree, Paragon intends to take over the world by eliminating the "inferior" 90% of the population. When the other Justice League members come to their comrades' aid, they are able to defeat the villain through his inability to mimic the powers of Green Lantern and Red Tornado, and through their own teamwork.

Justice League of America #225
April 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Sal Amendola** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Let There Be Light!" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Co-plotter, scripter: **Joey Cavalieri**
Co-plotter, penciler: **Chuck Patton**

Inker: Pablo Marcos
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo

Feature Characters

Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna

Villains

Lord Gravesend (dies in this story, as revealed next issue), **Lord Arsenic**, and **Lord Claw, the Falconer** (called Lord Falconer in this story; correct name revealed in issue #227) and **their acolytes** (the cult of Fiatlux, also known as "The Illuminated One"), and **their followers** (members of the bogus "Church of the Light Everlasting"; first appearance of all)

Hellrazer (first appearance; an extradimensional demon)

Other Character

Dean Carstairs (first and only appearance to date; dean of Ivy University, called Ivy College in this story)

Comments

Atom wears his modified costume, introduced in *Sword of the Atom* #1, as of this story.

Hawkwoman is mistakenly called Hawkgirl once in this story.

Aquaman, Elongated Man, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Red Tornado, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

When a strange group of men breaks into Ray Palmer's office and steals a sample of a substance called Luciferase, the Atom summons the Justice League.

Zatanna recognizes the group's symbol as that of Fiatlux, an ancient cult devoted to world domination, so while Atom and Hawkman attempt to trace the Luciferase, Zatanna, Green Arrow, Black Canary, and Hawkwoman investigate the cult. Even as Green Arrow and the three heroines battle the cultists in their headquarters, cult leader Lord Gravesend uses the Luciferase to unleash the demon Hellrazer.

Justice League of America #226

May 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Ross Andru** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Hell on Earth" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Joey Cavalieri**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Frank McLaughlin**
Letterer: **Philip Felix**
Colorist: **Gene D'angelo**

Feature Characters

Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna

Villains

Hellrazer

Lord Arsenic (temporarily becomes Set in this story) and the **Fiatlux cult** (some members die in this story)

The Djinn (first appearance; Hellrazer's demonic underlings)

Other Characters

Members of the Israeli Secret Service (first and only appearance to date; disguised as representatives of the United Arab Republic; all die in this story)

Denizens of Rick's Cafe Americain (a nightclub in Fez, Morocco, named after the nightclub in the movie, *Casablanca*, and a "front" for the Fiatlux cult; first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Lord Gravesend (as a corpse; revealed to have died in previous issue)

Comments

Hawkwoman is mistakenly called Hawkgirl in this story.

Aquaman, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The Justice League members battle Hellrazer to a standstill, but when he escapes to his own infernal dimension, he takes Zatanna captive. Meanwhile, Elongated Man and Red Tornado join Atom and Hawkman in Morocco, where Lord Arsenic, a second Fiatlux leader, has used Luciferase and a mystic mask to gain the power of the deity Set. The heroes defeat him by turning his own powers against him, while Green Arrow, Black Canary, and Hawkwoman enter Hellrazer's dimension to free Zatanna.

Justice League of America #227

June 1984

Cover Credits

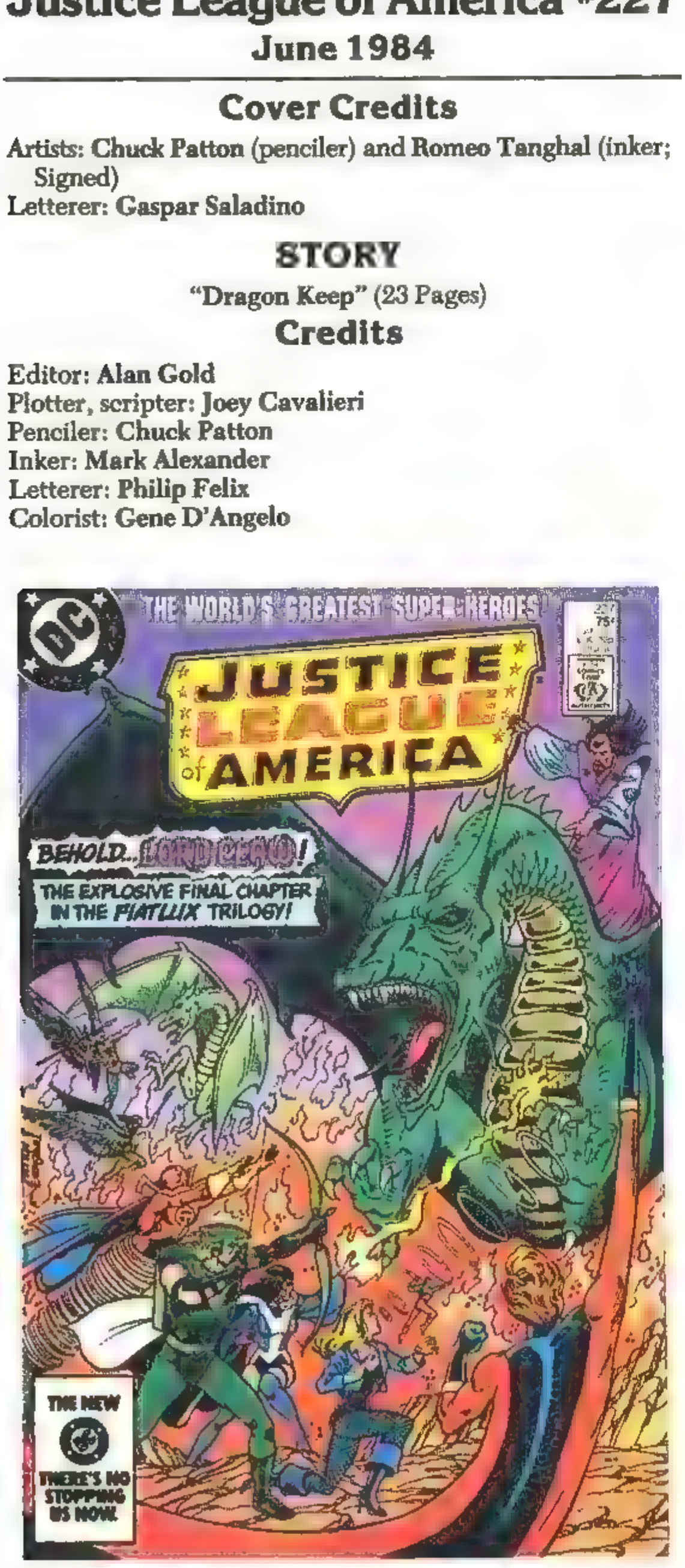
Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Romeo Tanghal** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Dragon Keep" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Joey Cavalieri**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Mark Alexander**
Letterer: **Philip Felix**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**


THE WORLD'S GREATEST SUPER-HEROES!
JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA
BEHOLD... LORD CLAW!
THE EXPLOSIVE FINAL CHAPTER IN THE FIATLUX TRILOGY!
THE NEW
THERE'S NO STOPPING US NOW!

Feature Characters

Green Arrow, Atom, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, and Zatanna

Villains

Hellrazer (no further appearances to date) and **his fellow demons** (first and only appearance to date)

Lord Claw (correct name and origin revealed and dies in this story), **his dragons** (first and only appearance to date), and **the Fiatlux cult** (some members die in this story; no further appearances to date)

Other Character

Lord Claw's father (first and only appearance to date; in flashback to Lord Claw's origin)

Comments

Aquaman, Firestorm, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The Justice League learns of a threat posed by the Floronic Man in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #24, then celebrates Supergirl's anniversary in *Supergirl* #20 following this story.

Synopsis

Lord Claw, the third Fiatlux leader, takes command of the cult after the defeats of Gravesend and Arsenic, with the aid of his "dragons," actually genetically altered lizards. Green Arrow, Black Canary, and Hawkwoman return from Hellrazer's dimension with Zatanna to join the other JLA members in attacking Claw's island base, unaware that Zatanna has been possessed by the demon.

Hellrazer emerges from Zatanna's form and destroys Lord Claw, taking over Fiatlux in his own behalf, but Zatanna fortunately recalls the spell that will transport the demon back to his own world from his use of it during her possession, and uses it to send him back.

Justice League of America #228

July 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"War—of the World?" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **George Tuska**
Inker: **Alex Nino**
Letterer: **Albert de Guzman**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

J'onn J'onzz (last seen in issue #200)

Villains

The Marshal (a warmongering Martian leader), **Chal-**

THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER IS BACK!
JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA
THE NEW DC
THERE'S NO STOPPING US NOW
...WITH A LOT OF ANGRY MARTIANS ON HIS TAIL!

Justice League of America #229

August 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: Chuck Patton (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"War of the Worlds, 1984: Part Two" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: Alan Gold
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Alan Kupperberg
Inker: Pablo Marcos
Letterer: Ben Oda
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and Firestorm

Villains

The Marshal, Challenger (revealed as a robot and destroyed in this story), Bel Juz (last seen in *World's Finest Comics* #212) and the Red Brotherhood

lenger (his aide; revealed as a robot in next issue), and the Red Brotherhood (his Martian followers), including J'en (J'onn J'onzz's girlfriend; first appearance of all)

Other Characters

The Secretary General of the United Nations
President Ronald Reagan (spoken to on phone)
U.S. Air Force pilots, a ship captain, and two New York City police officers (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Yuri Gargarin, Gordon Cooper, and Neil Armstrong (in flashbacks)

Comments

Aquaman is chairman of the Justice League as of this story.

Atom, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

A militaristic leader known as the Marshal raises an army from among J'onn Jonzz's Martian race and intends to return to their original solar system and conquer the Earth. Learning their plans, J'onzz escapes in a ship and flies to warn his former adopted planet, with the Marshal's forces in pursuit.

After a crash landing and a brief skirmish with the JLA, J'onn tells his story but is disbelieved by the authorities, until Challenger, the Marshal's superhumanly strong aide, lands in a warship to demand the surrender of Earth.

Other Characters

President Ronald Reagan and the Secretary General of the United Nations

United Nations delegates (some last seen in *Wonder Woman* #263; some appear next in *Justice League of America Annual* #2)

Unnamed military policemen and Strategic Air Command personnel (first and only appearance of all to date)

Soviet officers and soldiers (first appearance of all)

Astronauts on the Space Shuttle Explorer and members of NASA Ground Control (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Superman (in flashback to *World's Finest Comics* #212)

J'en and U.S. Air Force pilots (in flashback)

Comments

Atom, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

The Martian command ship shoots down the U.S. Space Shuttle *Explorer* well before the day's deadline, and the astronauts are rescued by the Justice League. However, Firestorm suspects that J'onn J'onzz is working for his former countrymen and that he tried to sabotage the rescue. Instead of greeting them as heroes, the military police attempt to take extraterrestrials Hawkman, Hawkwoman, and J'onzz into custody, until this matter is cleared up by the intervention of the president. As Earth gears up for the upcoming worldwide battle, Aquaman decries the unexplained absence of the missing members, vowing changes in future operations—if there are to be any.

The deadline is up, so the Secretary General tells the Marshal that Earth will not surrender, and to expect a fight if they invade, which they proceed to do. The Justice League satellite is the first site attacked, but as Challenger enters the damaged shell, he is overcome by the League members, who then discover that he is a robot.

With all of Earth's military might fending off the attack, the Marshal, secretly goaded by former Martian traitor Bel Juz, vows to eliminate the Martian Manhunter, who leaves the satellite in a shuttlecraft after knocking Firestorm out of his way.

Justice League of America #230

September 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"War of the Worlds, 1984: Part Three—Blessed is the Peacemaker" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler, inker: **Alan Kupperberg**
Letterer: **John Costanza**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and **Firestorm**

Villains

The Marshal, Bel Juz, and **the Red Brotherhood,** including **J'en** (no further appearances to date)

Other Characters

President Ronald Reagan, Premier Leonid Breznev, and **the Secretary General of the United Nations**

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and **five other unidentified world leaders** (on a TV screen)

U.S. Army personnel and **United Nations security guards** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Soviet officers and **soldiers** (no further appearances to date)

Cameo Appearances

Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, and **Green Lantern** (in a photograph)

Comment

Atom, Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Superman, and Wonder Woman do not appear in this story.

Synopsis

J'onzz's exit has left a gaping hole in the satellite, and the escaping air endangers the Justice League members on board. On Earth, the Martians' attacks at military bases

around the world have inflicted heavy casualties, and the U.S. and U.S.S.R. discuss using nuclear weapons against this attack, but the president asks for two hours for the Justice League to attempt a non-nuclear victory.

Meanwhile, as the Martian Manhunter attacks the command ship and is fired upon in turn, his former girlfriend J'en sees that he is still alive and goes to him, knocking out her own guards. As she finds him alive, so do the Martians who enter the satellite find the League members also living and well able to overcome the trespassers.

J'en's loyalty to her cause is overcome by her love for J'onn J'onzz, and she allows him to enter the command ship. He enters into personal combat with the Marshal, a battle broadcast to all the ships in the fleet where the crews had been told that their former leader J'onzz had fled in cowardice. Firestorm, who had been knocked unconscious and had jumped to the conclusion that Manhunter had killed his former comrades by draining the air from the satellite, follows him to the command ship and arrives just in time to prevent Bel Juz from ambushing the triumphant J'onzz, who has defeated the Marshal.

Manhunter convinces his people to turn and leave in time to avert nuclear detonation, but remains on Earth himself, for his presence with his people would be a bitter reminder of their misbegotten invasion.

Justice League of America #231

October 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Family Crisis" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Alan Gold** and **Roy Thomas** (consulting editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Kurt Busiek**
Penciler: **Alan Kupperberg**
Inker: **Rich Buckler**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, and **Green Lantern**

Guest Stars

Supergirl (last seen in *Supergirl* #21)
Dr. Fate (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #2)
Starman (last seen, as Ted Knight, in *Infinity, Inc.* #12)
Green Lantern of Earth-2 (last seen, as Alan Scott, in *Infinity, Inc.* #12)
Dr. Mid-Nite (last seen, as Charles McNider, in *Infinity, Inc.* #12; teamed with the above three heroes as the Justice Society of America)

Villains

The Commander (first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in next issue; ruler of his extradimensional universe, as revealed in issue #232) and **his armies of winged monkeys** and **mythological creatures** (first appearance of all)

Guest Appearances

Phantom Stranger (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #72; appears next in *Swamp Thing Annual* #2)

Ray Palmer (in between pages 27 and 28 of *Sword of the Atom Special* #2)

Other Characters

Dr. Joshua Champion (first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in next issue; a scientist)
Ian and **Victoria Champion** (Champion's son and daughter) and **Meredith Champion** (Joshua's sister and Ian and Victoria's aunt; first appearance of all; apparently no relation to the Champion family who appear in *Atari Force*)
Inhabitants of the Commander's dimension (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearances

Aquaman, Green Arrow, Hawkman, Black Canary, Elongated Man, Red Tornado, Hawkwoman, Zatanna, and **Firestorm** (in flashback to issue #228)
Batman, the Blackhawks, Adolf Hitler, Richard Nixon, Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, a baseball player, a caveman, and **a dinosaur** (all seen by the Commander as he scans time)
Flash of Earth-2 (as an image)
Lois Lane, Iris Allen, Fiona Webb, and **Reverse-Flash** (as illusions)

Comments

The cover logo changes with this issue.

The Justice Society of America was last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #12.

The events of this story and the story in the next issue occur simultaneously with those in issues #228–230, *Justice League of America Annual* #2, and issues #233–236. Green

Lantern's brief appearance is due to events in *Green Lantern* (second series) #178–179.

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

While the nine Justice League members who fought in the Earth-Mars war transport to Earth, Superman, Wonder Woman, and Supergirl meet the Flash in the satellite just in time to encounter three people who immediately transport the quartet to Earth-Two. On that world, Dr. Fate, Starman, Green Lantern, and Dr. Mid-Nite are battling winged monkeys somehow connected to the trio who have brought the Justice League there. The combined forces fight off the monkeys, which disappear, finally allowing the civilians time to explain why this is happening.

When Dr. Joshua Champion, a research scientist, disappeared from his lab one day, and nobody could tell his daughter Victoria or his son Ian where he was, they contacted their aunt Meredith to stay with them. They were about to give up hope when Champion's image appeared to them, boasting of the tremendous power he now had. Before he disappeared he showed signs that he was fighting the feelings he had just shown, and they suddenly knew that they could get help from someone simply by willing themselves to be transported to those they sought. Thus, they enlisted the Justice League.

Somehow tuned into their father's presence, the children lead teams of super-heroes to potential meeting points. Victoria, Meredith, Superman, Flash, Dr. Mid-Nite, and Starman head into an alien dimension and a planet with a constantly changing surface, while Ian, Supergirl, Wonder Woman, Green Lantern and Dr. Fate battle winged mythological creatures at the Pentagon. The team in the alien world finds a domed city with a work force creating a deafening din. To escape, they enter an empty building, which houses the brain center of the force inhabiting Joshua Champion. Immediately, they are blinded by a beam which sends them into revelry; their fondest desires come true, except for Dr. Mid-Nite, who blacks out the beam and seems to free them.

They find the unconscious Champion, and with Dr. Fate and Starman taking care of the city's teeming hordes, the Champions transport everyone back to Earth, with everyone except Dr. Mid-Nite now under the control of the brain which controls Joshua Champion.

Justice League of America #232

November 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Family Crisis—Part Two: Battlegrounds" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editors: **Alan Gold** and **Roy Thomas** (consulting editor)
Plotter, scripter: **Kurt Busiek**
Penciler, inker: **Alan Kupperberg**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, J'onn J'onzz, and Firestorm

Guest Stars

Supergirl (appears next in *Supergirl* #22)

Dr. Fate, Starman, Green Lantern of Earth-2, and Dr. Mid-Nite (teamed as the Justice Society of America; all appear next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1)

Villains

The Commander (also appears in flashback which precedes his appearance in previous issue; identity and origin revealed; no further appearances to date)

Johnny Quick of Earth-3, Power Ring, and Superwoman of Earth-3 (all last seen in issue #209; teamed as the Crime Syndicate of America; all appear next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #1)

Guest Appearances

Wildcat (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #9; appears next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1)

Johnny Thunder (last seen in *Infinity, Inc.* #2; appears next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1) and **his Thunderbolt** (last seen in issue #220; appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #5)

Captain Marvel (last seen in *DC Comics Presents Annual* #3; appears next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #6)

The Monitor and Lyla (both last seen in *Action Comics* #560; both appear next in *Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes* #317)

Other Characters

Joshua Champion (also appears in flashback which precedes his appearance in previous issue; no further appearances to date)

Ian, Victoria, and Meredith Champion (no further ap-

pearances to date)

Cameo Appearances

The Commander's mythological creatures (in flashback)
Inhabitants of the Commander's dimension

Comments

The Justice Society of America appears next in *America vs. The Justice Society* #1.

The absence of Ultraman and Owlman from the interdimensional prison where they had been confined by the Justice League and Justice Society in issue #30 has yet to be explained in any published story. It is possible that this is simply an illusion, caused by the combined powers of Owlman and Power Ring. Sometime before their next appearance, the Crime Syndicate members escape their prison and return to Earth-3, where they have been battling the Earth-3 Luthor for some time prior to the events of *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #1.

Synopsis

Dr. Fate buries the eldritch energy of the remains of the Commander's armies under the Pentagon by a mystic spell, while the Monitor and Lyla observe the Commander, who senses them watching. When Superman, Starman, and Flash arrive on Earth-2 with Dr. Mid-Nite and Joshua Champion, they immediately attack Supergirl, Dr. Fate, Wonder Woman, and Green Lantern.

Dr. Mid-Nite explains why, and the unaffected heroes can see their teammates struggling mentally with the dominating forces even as they fight them. The Commander reinhabits Champion's body while the JSA and JLA passively resist their friends, until Wonder Woman encircles them with her lasso, and commands them to stop. Ian, Victoria, and Meredith Champion join together to try to force the enemy from Joshua's body, and with the help of the wills of the heroes as well he is freed—only to combine with the buried eldritch energies, and become even more powerful.

The Commander then reveals his past and his intentions. He had been the ruler of his entire universe, and now wields the psychic energy of every creature in that dimension. He had run out of challenges until Champion had appeared and revealed the presence of parallel universes to him. He has vowed to conquer this one and then move on to the others.

Their battle seems futile until Champion determines that sending him back to his home dimension would defeat him, and using the teleportation powers of the family and Dr. Fate's magic, a door to it is opened. The heroes are not able to force the enemy through until the Monitor unintentionally distracts him.

The resulting force from the Commander's exile sends the heroes careening through parallel universes; they finally stop where the Crime Syndicate had been imprisoned years before.

While the heroes return to their own Earths, the Champions leave on a dimension-hopping vacation to rekindle their family spirit. Superman, Wonder Woman, and the Flash have no idea of the changes to the Justice League during their absences from Earth-1.

Justice League of America Annual #2 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: none

STORY

"—The End of the Justice League" (40 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Dave Hunt**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Carl Gafford**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, Elongated Man, and Zatanna
J'onn J'onzz (rejoins the Justice League)
Green Arrow (appears next in the second story in *Detective Comics* #543)
Hawkman and Hawkwoman (both appear next in *DC Comics Presents* #74)
Black Canary (appears next in the second story in *Detective Comics* #549)
Red Tornado (appears next in *Red Tornado* #1)
Firestorm (leaves the Justice League, together with the above five characters; appears next in *Firestorm Annual* #2)
Vixen (last seen in *DC Comics Presents* #68; joins the Justice League)
Steel (Hank Heywood III; first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in *Justice League of America* #235; grandson of Commander Steel, the All-Star Squadron member of Earth-2; joins the Justice League)
Vibe (Paco Ramone; first appearance; joins the Justice League)
Gypsy (Cindy Reynolds; real name revealed in *Justice League of America* #250; first appearance; chronologically earlier appearance in flashback in *Justice League of America* #255; joins the Justice League officially in *Justice League of America* #236)

Guest Star

Hank Heywood (last chronological appearance, as Commander Steel, in flashback in *Justice League of America* #235; appears next in *Justice League of America* #237)

Supporting Characters

Sue Dibny (last seen, behind the scenes, in *The Flash* #323; appears next in *Justice League of America* #233)
Dale Gunn (first appearance; last chronological appearance in flashback in issue #235; a friend of Hank Heywood, Jr., employed as chief technician and custodian of the Bunker; appears next in *Justice League of America* #233)

Villains

Members of the Bravos and the Thunderers street gangs (first and only appearance to date)

Guest Appearance

Mera (last seen in *Action Comics* #540; appears as a projected image; appears next in *Shadow War of Hawkman* #3)

Other Characters

Ms. Bloom (first and only appearance to date; Hank Heywood's secretary)
Mr. and Mrs. Ramone and their three sons and three daughters (Rosa named in this story; first appearance of all; Vibe's stepfather, mother, and family; Mrs. Ramone appears next in *Justice League of America* #244; Rosa appears next in *Justice League of America* #234; others ap-

Synopsis

After determining that their damaged satellite is beyond repair, the Justice League members return to their homes. However, the already distraught Aquaman finds that Mera has left him.

He calls a JLA meeting at the United Nations General Assembly to announce that he is disbanding the current Justice League, according to its own bylaws, in favor of a new group which will devote 100% of its time to its duties. A bewildered and confused membership goes along with this helplessly; only Elongated Man, Zatanna, and J'onn J'onzz are willing to devote themselves to the new group.

As soon as the news is published, two other heroes willing to commit themselves appear: Vixen, the African fashion model-turned-super-heroine who twice teamed with Superman, and Steel, grandson of the 1940s Earth-2 hero Commander Steel. In fact, Steel volunteers his grandfather's underground bunker as headquarters and residence for the new team. Eschewing former policies for admission of members, both heroes are welcomed, and the new headquarters is accepted without question.

Upon entering the bunker, however, Steel is attacked by Dale Gunn, the creator/protector of the structure for Steel's grandfather; he hasn't seen the boy in costume before. After the mistaken identities have been cleared up, a third member, Vibe, demonstrates his abilities to Steel and Vixen, and they invite him to join after he demonstrates ingenuity by entering the building and knocking down Aquaman.

Finally, a fourth potential member infiltrates the headquarters invisibly, and is caught by J'onn J'onzz. However, Gypsy disappears before the team can learn what she's doing there.

The residents of Cameron Street throw a block party to welcome the new team to Detroit.

pears next in *Justice League of America* #246)

Mother Windom (first appearance; appears next in *Justice League of America* #233)

The residents of Cameron Street (first appearance; appear next in *Justice League of America* #233)

Charles Croom (first appearance; a derelict; appears next in *Justice League of America* #244)

An unnamed grocery store owner (first and only appearance to date)

Peter Jennings and two other TV news anchormen (possibly Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather)

United Nations delegates (some last seen in *JLA* #229)

Danny (a photographer), **an unnamed NASA employee, police officers, TV news reporters and cameramen, and a female hotel guest** (first and only appearance of all to date)

Cameo Appearances

Mera, Atom, Flash, and Batman

Comments

The new Justice League headquarters, the Bunker, and the Low Orbit Supersonic Transport Plane make their first appearances in this story.

Aquaman is revealed as the current chairman of the Justice League, and exhibits telepathic abilities which affect humans for the first time in this story.

Elongated Man misidentifies either Lake Erie or Lake St. Clair as Lake Michigan in this story.

The events of this story occur simultaneously with those of *Justice League of America* #231–232.

The story continues in part in *Justice League of America* #233.

Justice League of America #233

December 1984

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Rebirth: One, Gang War" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Bill Anderson**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man, Zatanna, Vixen, Steel, Vibe, and Gyspy

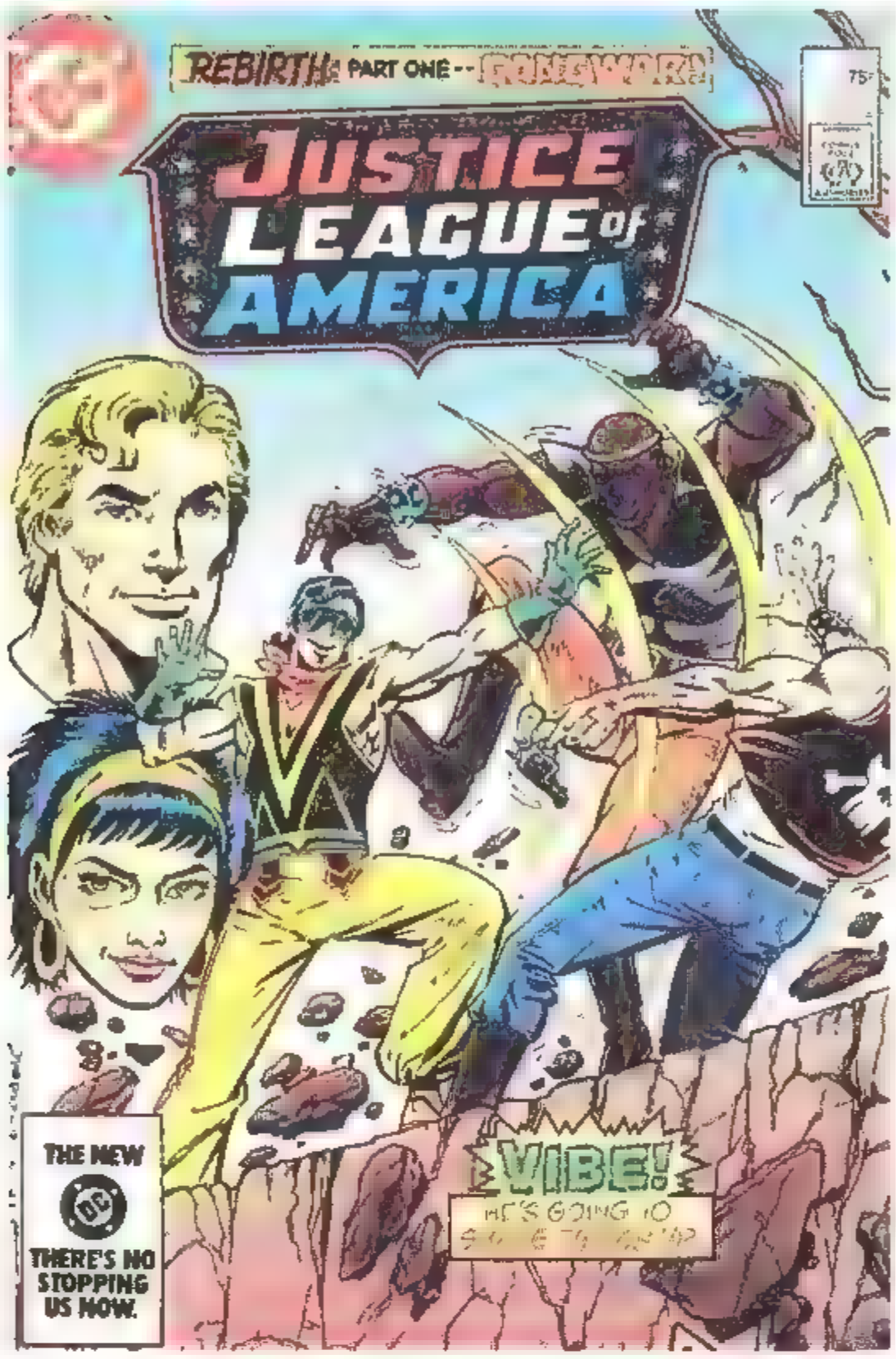
Supporting Characters

Dale Gunn (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2; appears next in issue #236)

Sue Dibny (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2)

Villains

The Skulls (a street gang; Crowbar (Malcolm Tandy), Slice, and Icepick named in this story; first and only ap-



pearance of all to date except Crowbar)

El Lobos (first and only appearance to date; a rival street gang (Armando Ramone, their leader and Vibe's brother, named in this story)

The Overmaster (first appearance; behind the scenes only)

Other Characters

Mother Windom (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2; appears next in issue #238)

Arnie Papagaulos (first appearance; a Cameron Street grocer; appears next in issue #239)

The residents of Cameron Street (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2; appear next in issue #239)

An unnamed prison guard (first and only appearance to date)

Ediacaran (first and only appearance to date; a primitive lifeform of 580,000,000 B.C.)

Cameo Appearance

Hank Heywood, Jr. (in a photograph)

Comments

Detroit is misidentified as being on the shore of Lake Michigan in this story.

The name of the street gang El Lobos should properly be Los Lobos.

Synopsis

Vibe is challenged by the Skulls to take a stand in the coming rumble between their gang and his former gang, El Lobos. When they threaten Mother Windom, Zatanna and Vixen step in to help, but Vibe doesn't appreciate their interference, and he stalks away.

When Mother Windom fills in the other Justice League members on Vibe's background, and the fact that his brother is now leader of El Lobos, they intervene in a street war between the gangs after Vibe is stabbed by Slice, and easily end the violence.

In the end, however, nothing is changed, except Crowbar, former leader of the Skulls, who is mysteriously transformed by an unknown being called the Overmaster.

Justice League of America #234

January 1985

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Rebirth: Two, Claws" (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Bill Anderson**
Letterer: **Todd Klein**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man, Zatanna, Steel,

Vibe, and Gypsy

Vixen (also appears in flashback which precedes her appearance in *Action Comics* #521)

Supporting Character

Sue Dibny

Villains

General Mustapha "the Ox" Maksai (first appearance; leader of Red Dawn, an extremist terrorist organization, and Mari McCabe's uncle), Samson (his aide), and three unnamed gunmen (first appearance of all)

The Overmaster (behind the scenes only) and the Cadre (Black Mass, Nightfall, Fastball, Crowbar, and Shatterfist; first appearance of all except Crowbar)

Guest Appearances

The Monitor and Lyla (last seen in *Saga of the Swamp Thing* #31; appear next, behind the scenes, in *The Vigilante* #14)

Other Characters

Reverend Andrew Sinclair of the True Rock Baptist Church and his parishioners (first and only appearance of all to date)

Rosa Ramone (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2; appears next in issue #239)

A TV newsman (first and only appearance to date)

Unnamed police officers (first appearance; three are behind the scenes, as revealed in next issue)

An unnamed prison guard (first and only appearance to date)

Two South Korean monks (first appearance; both die in this story)

Trilobites, ammonites, bryozoans, brachiopods, crinoids, and corals (first and only appearance to date; lifeforms of 225 million years ago)

Cameo Appearances

Reverend Richard Jiwe and the people of M'Changa

Comment

The story continues in the next issue.

Synopsis

Vixen overtakes and captures a car driven by three terrorists who are, she is horrified to learn, working for the Red Dawn group which is led by her uncle, General Mustapha Maksai, who murdered her father after he had been elected president of M'Changa. Meanwhile, Hank Heywood's budding relationship with Vibe's sister Rosa is interrupted by Gypsy, and Aquaman lightens his intense direction of the group.

The Monitor and Lyla watch as an entity known as the Overmaster builds and trains a super-group called the Cadre.

Vixen breaks into jail to question Maksai's gunmen and learn his whereabouts.

Justice League of America #235

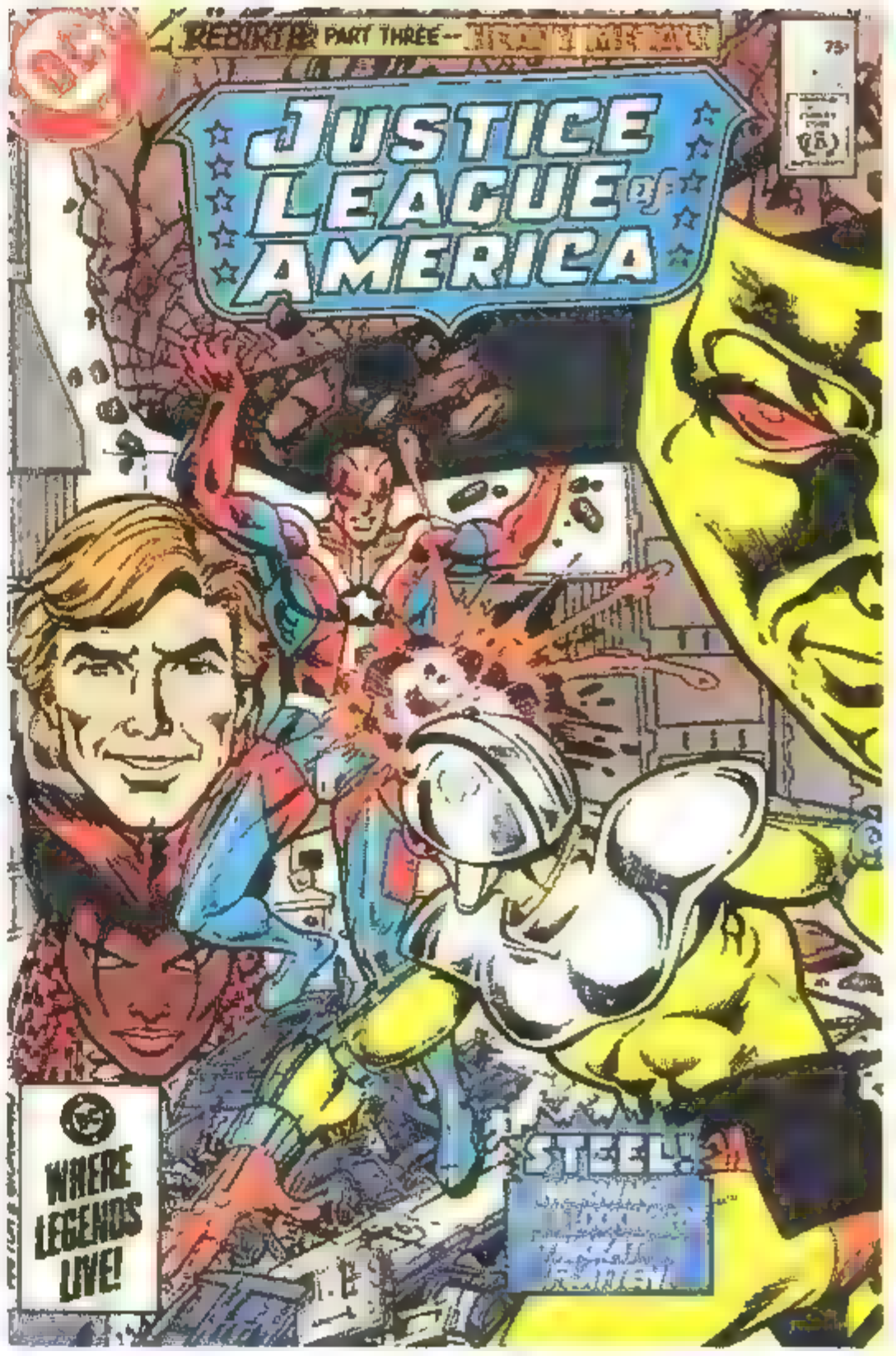
February 1985

Cover Credits

Artists: Chuck Patton (penciler) and Dick Giordano (inker; Signed)
Letterer: Gaspar Saladino

STORY

"Rebirth: Three, Heavy Metal" (23 Pages)



Credits

Editor: Alan Gold
Plotter, scripter: Gerry Conway
Penciler: Chuck Patton
Inker: Mike Machlan
Letterer: John Costanza
Colorist: Gene D'Angelo

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man, Zatanna, Vixen, Steel (origin revealed), Vibe, and Gypsy

Supporting Characters

Sue Dibny (appears next in issue #237)

Dale Gunn (in flashback to Steel's origin, which chronologically precedes his first appearance in *Justice League of America Annual* #2)

Villains

The Overmaster and the Cadre (Black Mass, Nightfall, Fastball, Crowbar, Shatterfist, and the Shrike (first appearance; not to be confused with the character from *Hawkman* #12)

General Mustapha Maksai and his men

Guest Appearance

Hank Heywood (last chronological appearance in flashback in *Infinity, Inc.* #19; appears in flashback to Steel's origin; next chronological appearance in *Justice League of America Annual* #2)

Other Characters

Hank Heywood, Jr. and his wife (first appearance of

both; Steel's parents; both die in flashback)

An unnamed police detective captain (first and only appearance to date) and his men (from previous issue)

Four dinosaurs of 70 million years ago (first and only appearance to date)

Synopsis

Aquaman is distraught over Vixen's break-in to speak with the prisoner, fearing repercussions and public reaction to harboring a law-breaker, and uses his mental powers on Steel to quash all argument about it. When Hank staggers from the bunker, he meets Fastball, a member of the Cadre, who throws explosive balls at high speeds. Steel overcomes him as the others arrive, but when they check under the rubble, the villain is nowhere to be found. The only clue left behind is a medallion.

Meanwhile, Vixen has travelled to New York to confront General Maksai at the M'Changan Embassy, thus playing right into his hands, as her uncle wants the Tantu Totem, the source of her powers, for himself. The odds are against her, and she flees, but the Justice League arrives before Maksai's men can hurt her. When the police appear on the scene, the General refuses to press charges, but the police still wish to take her in for the well-publicized jail break-in. Aquaman, however, refuses to turn her over.

In the resulting debate, Steel reveals his origin. After his father's death in Viet Nam, and his mother's death a year later from cancer, his grandfather took him in, and he was raised by Dale Gunn. Several years ago, the elder Heywood sent Gunn off to build the bunker, perhaps to occupy him, while he somehow forced extensive surgery on his grandson, which duplicated that which he had endured during World War II to become the original Commander Steel.

Suddenly, the Justice League transport plane is teleported to a mountain in the Arctic, where the team encounters the Overmaster and the Cadre.

Justice League of America #236
March 1985

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Dick Giordano** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Rebirth: Part Four — Conclusion, Gypsy Genius"
(24 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Rich Magyar**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man, Zatanna, Vixen, Steel, Vibe, and **Gypsy**

Supporting Character

Dale Gunn (last seen in issue #233)

Villains

The Overmaster and the **Cadre** (**Black Mass, Nightfall, Fastball, Crowbar,** and **Shatterfist** appear next in *Crisis on Infinite Earths* #9)

Other Character

The true Overmaster (first and only appearance to date; an alien space traveller)

Cameo Appearances

Ediacaran, trilobites, ammonites, bryozoans, brachiopods, crinoids, coral, and **two dinosaurs** (in flashbacks to issues #233–235)

Synopsis

The Overmaster presents himself as being at least 580 million years old, and determinant of which Earth species have survived, explaining that he has gathered his six warriors, the Cadre, and brought the Justice League to his mountain residence to test humanity to determine whether it deserves to survive.

Black Mass exhibits his ability to enlarge his mass and control gravity, the Shrike creates a shattering "song of battle," Crowbar hurls his powerful crowbar, Shatterfist creates a shockwave with his fist; the League retreats. Meanwhile, Dale Gunn finds Gypsy in the bunker, and takes her in pursuit of the team's missing transport in the Arctic.

In their retreat, the team runs across an alien giant, sleeping amidst the mountain's abundant machinery, and Aquaman and J'onn J'onzz detect telepathic activity around it. The Cadre attacks again, and the team battles them. J'onzz determines that the glowing jewel hovering above the giant is the answer, and directs Gypsy to touch it. The

touch creates a bright light which envelops the Overmaster and the Cadre, and they vanish.

The Justice League and Gunn fly home, theorizing that the giant was the true Overmaster, while the other was some sort of parasite with delusions of grandeur who created the Cadre to make his dream come true. As they speak, the mountain takes off into space, revealing its true nature as a space vehicle.

Justice League of America #237

April 1985

Cover Credits

Artists: **Chuck Patton** (penciler) and **Mike Machlan** (inker; Signed)
Letterer: **Gaspar Saladino**

STORY

"Lest Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot. . ." (23 Pages)

Credits

Editor: **Alan Gold**
Plotter, scripter: **Gerry Conway**
Penciler: **Chuck Patton**
Inker: **Mike Machlan**
Letterer: **Ben Oda**
Colorist: **Gene D'Angelo**

Feature Characters

Superman, Flash, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man, Zatanna, Vixen, Steel, Vibe, and Gypsy

Supporting Characters

Dale Gunn
Sue Dibny (last seen in issue #235; appears next in issue #239)

Villains

Anton Allegro (last seen in issue #163)
The Mad Maestro (Pasha Gorki; name revealed in issue #238; first appearance; not to be confused with the fictional Maestro who appeared in issue #16)
General Anton Gorki (first appearance)

Guest Appearance

Hank Heywood (last seen in *Justice League of America Annual* #2)

Other Characters

KGB Secretariat Borski and three KGB guards (first appearance; all die in this story)
Dimitri Ivanovich (first appearance; a political prisoner)
Soviet soldiers and pilots (first and only appearance to date)

Cameo Appearance

Green Arrow (in flashback to issue #163)

Comment

Shortly before this story, Supergirl and the Justice Society discover that they have lost almost three weeks in traveling back from the Commander's dimension and travel back in time to correct the anomaly.

Synopsis

Superman, Wonder Woman, and the Flash travel to the Justice League satellite and find it destroyed. They are puzzled by the destruction in the few hours they had been gone, especially when Superman finds a Soviet spy satellite

loaded with explosives nearby, so the trio goes to Russia for answers. Their proximity to the satellite has triggered an alarm in the new Justice League headquarters, and the new team tracks their former teammates.

The Russian Air Force greets the trio's invasion of their air space with missiles, then fighters, but the heroes land without injury. They are surrounded by troops and met by a general and a man possessing the keyboard of their old foe Anton Allegro. His melodies paralyze them, and they are captured by General Anton Gorki, who wishes to use them as a bargaining chip to restore himself to commander of the Red Army, as well as being named Party Chairman.

Meanwhile, the new Justice League has sent Steel, Elongated Man, and Dale Gunn to use Hank Heywood's CIA contacts to figure out why the three heroes have gone to the Soviet Union, but Heywood is more intent on pointing out the police records of Vibe and Gypsy, along with Ralph Dibny's alleged shady past, to the point that his grandson throws him through a window. Only Elongated Man's intervention prevents further battling, and Steel and Elongated Man leave without getting the information they wanted.

As the three Justice League members lie paralyzed in Gorki's winter estate, an inmate reveals that Anton Allegro has escaped his asylum in the U.S., and has returned to the land of his parents' births. However, he has fallen into the asylum of the very mad general who now intends to execute one of the three heroes to penalize his country for refusing his demands, thus risking a war between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

An Explanation of the DC Comics Index

This is the fourth in an ongoing series of comprehensive indexes to all of the DC Comics to appear since the company began publishing in 1935. In this series, we intend to examine every issue of every DC comic book and to provide you with a color reproduction of the comic's cover, a complete listing of the creative people involved in producing the comic, a complete listing of all of the characters who appear in each story, a summary of what happened in each adventure, and various other information.

It is our goal that every DC comic title will get a series of *The DC Comics Index* devoted solely to it. Heroes who have headlined in more than one title—notably, Superman and Batman—will have a separate series of the *Index* devoted to each title. In the case of some (but not all) features which have migrated from one title to another—such as *Legion of Super-Heroes*, which appeared in *Adventure Comics*, *Action Comics*, and *Superboy* before being awarded a comic bearing a name of the feature—we will bring together all appearances of the feature in one index series. Maxi-Series, Mini-Series, and features with short life spans will be indexed in related groups.

All comics indexed in a series will run in serial order, beginning with the first issue or the earliest issue that features the series being indexed. For instance, *The Official Superman Index* will begin with *Superman* #1, while *The Official Teen Titans Index* will begin with *The Brave and the Bold* #54, the first comic to feature the group of heroes who would become the Teen Titans. Non-DC Universe stories that appear in DC Comics are not fully indexed or synopsized. Each of the index entries is as self-explanatory as possible. Some of the criteria we used to create an index entry are provided below.

Cover Credits

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Records of artists and letterers are sometimes unavailable, particularly for covers that appeared many years ago, so the identities of some cover artists and letterers are the best guesses that the indexers and DC's current editors and art staff can make. Credits other than Artist or Artists and Letterer appear where known.

Story Information

Story titles are given as they appear on the title pages, not as on the covers or in coming attractions. When a story lacks a title or title page (a rare occurrence), a note to this effect appears as a Comment.

Story credits are taken from the credits as published. As with cover credits, it is impossible to credit everybody who worked on a story, but whenever additional information is available, it appears in the *Index*. If the published credits in a story are incorrect, the *Index* corrects them wherever possible.

Characters

All major characters, and most minor ones, are classified into seven categories, although all seven may not be needed to fully index a story. Bystanders, random police officers, random gangsters, background characters, and so forth, are not usually listed unless they appear elsewhere in more prominent roles.

The seven character categories are: Feature Characters, characters to whom the title of the feature refers; Guest Stars, characters from other comics who have a major role in the story; Supporting Characters, characters who appear frequently in stories with the feature character(s); Villains, the antagonists of the feature character(s); Guest Appearances, characters from other comics who have a minor role in the story; Other Characters, characters who do not fall into any of the five previous categories; and Cameo Appearances, characters who do not actually appear in a story but whose images are seen, for example, in photographs, flashbacks, or reminiscences.

The Feature Character is listed only when not obvious from the title of the comic. For example, Superman is always the only feature character in his own comic, but the lineup of the Justice League of America changes occasionally, which requires a Feature Character listing for each indexed issue of *Justice League of America*. Guest Stars are usually major characters who have their own comics, but any character can be a Guest Star. The only qualifications are that the character not usually appear in the comic and that he or she take a major role in the story that is not antagonistic to the feature character(s). A Guest Appearance may be very brief; even a one-panel appearance or an off-panel appearance (for example, in a telephone conversation) counts, as long as the character is physically present.

"Behind the scenes" describes characters who don't appear in a story but whose influence is felt, as, for example, when a Villain works through agents.

There are two different kinds of flashbacks: (1) flashbacks to stories previously told (all of the characters appearing in the flashback are listed under Cameo Appearances unless they make physical appearances elsewhere in the story) and (2) flashbacks to events previously untold (appearances of all the characters in the flashback are treated as physical appearances; many origins are told in such flashbacks, for example). Parenthetical notes to characters' names in the listings explain these special appearances.

Chronology

A time line for all of DC's comics that allows proper chronological ordering of the appearances of every DC character is far from complete. Nevertheless, some appearances are known to precede or follow others. Whenever chronological information is known reliably but is not obvious from the continuity of the stories, it is noted in parenthesis. "First appearance" accompanies a character's listing when the comic is the earliest one in which the character appears. A first appearance is not necessarily a character's chronologically earliest appearance, which might occur, for example, in an origin flashback first told many years later. As a general rule, in the case of feature characters who are members of a team but who also appear in their own features or comics, issue-by-issue chronological notations for these characters are made in the indexes to their own features, not in the index to the team feature. For instance, Superman's chronology is noted in *The Official Superman Index*, not in *The Official Justice League of America Index*.

A casual reading of a few Plot Synopses will make it abundantly clear that a whole month does not usually pass for the characters in between monthly issues of a comic. Many issues begin hours or even minutes after the previous month's story. Consequently, a character who has had his own feature for ten years will not have aged ten years in the time it took for those comics to come out. As for trying to determine in what year a given adventure takes place, there's no conclusive answer. Specific dates that appear in stories, as well as mention of current events and popular culture, depictions of contemporary fashions, and usage of contemporary slang, are all what is known as Topical References. These are specific details added by a writer or artist to a story to make it seem current at the time the story is being published. They are not necessarily indicators of when—what year or even what decade—a story took place.

A Personal Note

As should be obvious to anyone owning both this work and *The Official Marvel Comics Index*, the format and design of this book (not to mention the wording of this introduction) owe a great debt to my good friend, George Olshevsky, author of the Marvel Index series, with whose permission I have appropriated both his layout and his succinct prose.

Anyone wishing to contact me with comments, criticisms, and/or additional data for inclusion in possible future updates may do so at the address below. My thanks to all those who have already written to me. It is unfortunately impossible for me to reply to each of you personally, but rest assured that your comments are read and carefully considered.

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